Litchfield March 24th 1805 - How wonderful is it that the day of grace and gospel advantages are still continued to me, while I am ever abusing them - instead of improving them as I ought and praise God for them, my heart is set upon the world and I do not commune with God and my own heart as I ought - O Lord I beseech thee, shew me effectually the plague of my own heart, and enable me to fly to Christ Jesus as the only Saviour and one willing to save - - The women of this vicinity are about to set up female conferences every sabbath evening - I fear they will not be conducted with propriety - & that they will not be for the edification of those who attend and so will bring reproach upon the cause of religion - but God is able to make them productive of much good, and with him I desire to leave it the cause is his own and O I pray that the meetings may succeed to his glory - Mr B. is gone to Milton to give them a sabbath's preaching - I stay at home this forenoon, and hope to attend in the afternoon and pray for a blessing - may a blessing rest on all my dear friends and may we so live as finally to be received to the society of the blessed above for Christ's sake amen -

March 31st My life is spared another week, unprofi-
-table as it is; and I am still surrounded with
innumerable mercies: It is because the Lord is
good and gracious — and I sometimes fear my
punishment will finally be aggravated by all
the opportunities which are indulged me for
securing the one thing needful — perplexed
as I am with care — I might still improve
much more in the divine life — but I fear
I have never entered upon it — and all
I have ever looked upon as evidence of
my good state was only a delusion a self
flattering dream — I pray God to shew me
my true condition and lead me to a con=
fidential belief in Jesus Christ — this
forenoon I went to Meeting Mr Jerome
preached from these words — is it not law-
ful for me to do what I will with
mine own &c — I pray for a blessing on our
religious meetings on all my dear friends
and that we all at last be brot home
to the Lord Jesus Christ and be his
forever amen — —

Friday April 12th 1805 — Fast day — This is a day set
apart by our rulers for humiliation prayer and
fasting — I have been at meeting this forenoon —
the text was these words in Matthew, When ye fast
be not as the hypocrites — may I improve this occas
=on to God's glory and my own soul's good, and may
a blessing rest on me, on mine and my dear friends
every where even life forever more — for Christ's sake

April 14th Today I have been at home with the children all day - in the forenoon reading in Doddridge's ris. and progress I felt a degree of comfort, a possibility ~~that~~ I might hope in in God - and a sense of the joy which it must occasion - O what a gloom is this with which I am encompassed - how dread=ful to live without the presence of God in this world - then how unspeakably shocking to dwell where hope of his favor can never come - I beseech thee O Lord to give me faith to the saving of my soul bless all my dear friends and O prepare us all to leave this world and dwell forever together in thy kingdom above for Christ's sake amen - - - -

April 28th ~~Since writing we have [illegible]~~

Last sabbath it rained, I was at home all day - this afternoon attended meeting - the text was these words prove your own selves - O O for a trust in God a humble confidence in the Saviour of sinners - search me O God and shew me to myself - and let my will be swallowed up in thine! - I beseech thee bless all my dear friends through out their lives, es=pecially renew their heart - and fit them and us for usefulness in life - but O fit us all for thy kingdom above and may we so live as finally to die in peace and rise to glory for Christ's sake who is infinitely worthy amen - -

June 9th Four weeks ago last Wednesday I set out with my two oldest children to visit my parents at Hadley - and left the youngest at home with cousin Mary Cooley - I found all my friends well and was wonderfully prospered in all my ways Mr Huntington joined me about a fortnight ago, and we went to Boston to visit my brother there too we were favoured and returned laden with goodness to our parents and children who were all well; last Tuesday we set out for home and ~~my heart~~ I felt anxious as I approached the dwelling which contained my dear babe, but blessed be God we found him well - and surely we may say the Lord is our keeper, he guides our feet ~~&~~ guards our way - O for a heart of gratitude and a tongue of praise, to speak forth the loving kindness of the Lord to us - on our return we met the tidings of Mrs Tallmadge's death - who died last monday, in travail - this event ought to solemnize our minds, and it makes me more anxious as I ~~am~~ expecting in a few months to bring forth another child, I commit myself and all that is near and dear to me to the Lord to whom I have so often dedicated myself and beseech thee to fortify ~~me~~ against all the trials I may be called to encounter, give me strength I pray thee equal to my day - let me trust I beseech thee let go my

hope in the Lord Jesus Christ; but open my heart to embrace him cordially, and to this end may I see his glory and beauty – and not hesitate to commit my all to him. I have been at meeting this afternoon, the discourse was upon faith – Lord Jesus I beseech thee give me this faith, and let all my dear friends be renewed and accepted of thee, let not one soul of them perish, but may they and we so live and believe as finally to meet in thy glorious kingdom above for Christ's sake, to whom be glory forever amen.

June 16th This morning I attended meeting, Mr H- preached upon the deceitfulness of the heart – mine O how vile it is – and why am I not more alarmed – why am I not alarmed in such a way, as to lay hold on Jesus Christ, to trust in him alone, who alone is able to save, and is indeed the sinners friend; have I not experienced of his mercy all my life – and did I not once for a long time hope somewhat firmly that I was one of his redeemed children, did I not then enter into solemn covenant engagements with him, resolving to live and die as his, and never to let go my hold – O for a lively faith on him, which shall be an anchor to the soul – why do I doubt, O that I might at once give up my fears and be brought in to the liberty of thy children – O Lord God I pray thee to bless all my dear absent friends & show their love and make us all as holy & faithful and finally happy with thee as for Christ's sake amen.

June 23d. This holy day has been spent in God's house, blessed be his name, who hath provided help, in an unexpected time, when I was destitute, and given me abundant reason to be thankful on this account — all day I have attended public worship, the text was in Isaiah 55th 6th. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; there was great encouragement given to those who are in any measure awaken-ed — and surely I am of that number, for if I never was converted, I am not altogether stu-pid now — but I have reason to hope, that the holy Spirit is striving with me, and I pray I may not, by my unbelief and fear, grieve him from me — the work O Lord is thine own from first to last, O carry it on I beseech thee in my soul, and let me finally [illegible] of thy salvation; — and O God of grace, I pray thee to bless my dear children, may it not be for thy glory to renew their little ones and make them trophies of thy grace suffer them not O Lord to lie down at last in sorrow, but of thy free grace in Christ, adopt them into thy family, and may all my dear friends be brot into thy spiritual kingdom be blessed in this life but especially be fitted for and at last received to thy kingdom above for the sake alone of Jesus our Saviour who alone is worthy amen — — —

July 9th. Tuesday night – Last sabbath was commu=
=nion, and the Lord Jesus was set forth a slain
for our sins – I tho't I was not wholly
stupid, but alas how cold when compared
with the love I ought to feel – I ~~am~~
endeavoured to give up myself and my all
to God – every day do I feel great anxiety
lest I should be cut off without a hope
in Christ – and I pray this anxiety
may not subside till I shall have
evidence that I am bro't out of ~~th~~
darkness into marvellous light – sabbath
before I was at meeting in the morning
Mr Clarkson preached – encourageing to
seekers – O let me at last find the
pearl of great price – and may all my
dear friends be blessed in life and thro'
eternity for Christ's sake amen – –
July 14th Lord's day – At home all day,
deprived of the privilege of attending God's
worship in his house – on account of
the children who cannot be left alone,
and are too small to attend; this is an
evil which I must submit to, without re=
=pining; and tho' in my present circum=
=stances, every exertion is burdensome,

still I ought not to utter a murmur=ing word - how much did the Lord of glory endure for sinners, who had a title to all power and glory and happiness yet he condescended to suffer and die for rebels who deserved everlasting pun=ishment, can any thing give a stronger proof of the evil of sin, & my soul look on the love of this dying Saviour and hate thyself for every sinful act and fly to him for pardon and salva=tion; I pray for a just sense of the evil of sin, and for a knowledge of my own condition - teach me what I know not and lead me in the way everlasting - may my dear friends all have an inter=est in the blessed Saviour, and may we all live wisely and usefully in the world and be prepared at last for that kingdom of glory which is purchased and prepared for all thy children for Christ's sake amen - -

Thursday evening - 25th July - Last sabbath I attended meeting all day - the text was in Proverbs, wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool - to get wisdom

seeing he hath no heart to it.—

July 28th Sabbath evening — Once more have I been favoured with a whole days attendance on public worship — and how little do I profit by it — it is astonishing that God's patience is still lengthened out, but it ought to encourage me to be more earnest for myself and others — and may a blessing from the Lord attend me and all [struck through] to thy mercie and grace bring us to thy heavenly kingdom &c.

Sabbath afternoon August 4th — Mr Prentiss of Canaan preached to day. I attended meeting in the morning, was much hurried, and embarrassed with the children, before meeting, on account of Mr. H—'s absence, but when I got there, which was in prayer time, I hope I felt some devotion, and in singing some raised affection — Jesus shall reign where-ever the sun &c — what a glorious world will it be when all people shall serve God in spirit and in truth when the offerings of all shall be pure and acceptable through the great Mediator: the text was in Acts I would that

that all here, were not only almost, but altogether such as I am, excepting these bonds; the apostle was animated by benevolence, to all his fellow creatures – and we should study to be like him in all things which were excellent – Mr [illegible] has been unwell some time, I pray ~~that~~ he may recover and be able to preach the gospel to perishing sinners, I pray that my dear friends may all be directed in the way which leads heavenward and that we may all finally meet there through the blood of grace in Jesus Christ amen –

Sabbath afternoon August 17th This day has been spent so far in attending to the children the youngest of which, is quite unwell; I pray that he may recover, and that they may all be adopted into that happy and holy family which has for its head, ~~that~~ the glorious Prince of Peace, the living Saviour – there is a sufficiency in him, I need not fear; if I can but rely on him, cast myself on him sincerely – with all my concerns and all my burdens, there is no difficulty or doubt as to my salvation, and sometimes I feel as if I could, I feel a comfort in ~~my~~ giving all up to him, and in striving to

commit myself to him in the way of well doing - but when I think of my own righteousness, I blush and am ashamed; O what unworthiness, what guilt is there in all my conduct; and yet I need more than ever the quickening grace of the holy Spirit - when I look forward to an entire wreath, my courage fails, and I sink at the prospect - but I seek daily the strengthening grace of God, to prepare me to bear with becoming fortitude and patience all that I shall be called to endure - I pray for the pardon of all my sins, especially the sins of the day passing - and for more grace in future to keep me from the sins which I am too apt to indulge, - let a sabbath blessing rest on me and all my dear friends, and may we all finally be admitted to the presence of the Lamb to be forever happy with all the redeemed from among men for Christ's sake. - I pray for a blessing on Mr [illegible] that his health may be perfectly restored, but especially that he may be filled with the holy Ghost and be able to speak for the glory of God and lead many into the good way, the way everlasting - amen - -

August 18th Sabbath evening — Mr H— is again able to preach, and I have been favoured with attending meeting all day — O that I may not wholly misimprove these privileges — the text was these words — Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you, &c — the doctrine of election was made very plain & it is strange that any serious religious person can deny it — on it is built all our security for happiness — I desire to rely only upon the grace of God for salvation & for it is free altogether, and abundant & now I pray for a blessing on all my dear friends, especially the richer blessings of thy grace — and that we may all finally be received to thyself in Glory — only for the sake of Jesus Christ amen —

August 25th — Sabbath evening — This forenoon I attended meeting — Mr Vail preached from these words for he had respect to the recompense of reward O how little do I keep the sabbath as a day of rest, these dear children keep me continually in agitation, and endeavouring to restrain them I am surprized into fretfulness

which is too natural to me -, I can hardly get opportunity for secret duties, and without these my soul is barren - but I would not complain - I deserve eternal destruction, and it is astonishing that I am not now reaping the reward of my evil deeds - let me thus count the longsuffering of God salvation and take encouragement to hope that he will not forever cast me off - I have made a covenant, but I fear I have back-slidden, and that I shall bring on me and mine a curse; O Lord shew mercy, & forgive and restore me, and let me experience the joy of thy salvation, I pray for a blessing on all ~~my dear~~ friends, that they may all be blessed in Jesus Christ, but especially that they may be enriched ~~with~~ all necessary grace for this life and finally to admit them ~~and us~~ to the enjoyments of thy glorious king dom above, for Christ's sake amen

Sept. 1st. Once more I have been admitted to the privilege of coming to the Lord's table, but how unworthy a guest, I had some feeling to day, but hardly know whether it was the feelings of nature or gracious affections

O what a blessing it is to know that we are born again; but such a sinner as I am, ought not to admit it I must willingly go mourning in dark=ness and be content, to doubt and fear if I may finally be saved, and washed in the blood of the lamb, I desire not to repine and now I am expecting a painful distress=ing event — O for fortitude and christian patience, ~~for~~ to go thro' with it, I beseech thee preserve my life, if it may be thy will, but above all fit me to go and dwell with thee — — I pray for a blessing on all my dear friends; and that we may meet finally in thy, kingdom above, for Christs sake amen — — —

Sept. 8th How fast the weeks follow each other, and each one carries with it, the sins and follies of which I have been guilty — O what a list, and if unre=pented of and unforgiven, they will land me in the regions of endless wo — I have attended meeting all day — but it a privilege which I have now as well as formerly shamefully abused — Mr William of Northampton preached

in the morning this was the text,
by the truth and sell it not &c
this afternoon it — but thy commands
are exceeding broad &c. —
Saturday evening – Sept. 21st – Last sabbath I
attended meeting all day – the text in the
forenoon, was this, Behold he cometh with
clouds, &c. in the afternoon it was this
be thou faithful unto death & I will
give thee a crown of life – probably before
another week comes round I shall have gone
thro' with bearing another child, what the
event of it will be, is known only to
that God in whose hands is life and
death – but I desire to commit myself &
my all to his hands – if it seem good
in thy sight O Lord, I pray to be car-
ried safe thro' it, and I pray that thou wouldst
deal kindly with me, but I pray above
all things, that I may be prepared even
to leave all these dear connexions, and
earthly ties, and be fitted by thy grace
to go and dwell in thy immediate
presence, O Lord I beseech thee leave me
not comfortless, – bless all my dear friends
I pray thee and let us live yours tantly
to thy praise, and finally be saved in
the day of the Lord Jesus Christ – amen –

Oct. 29th 1805 – Since I wrote the last, I have had innumerable favours at the hand of my heav=enly Father; four weeks ago last night, my father and mother, came to make us a visit they stayed a little more than a week, and the nightt before they went away which was the 7th of October, about eleven o'clock – I was delivered of another daughter; she appears promising, and I would desire to render all the praise of deliverance, and return=ing health, to the great Father of all mercy I desire to be thankful, that my parents were permitted to be here, and that they enjoy so much health – I pray for its continuance, and I pray that we the parents of this new born child, may be enabled, by faith to dedicate this little one with our others to thee the Giver – O let us not be negligent nor formal in performing this duty but may we daily give up ourselves our children and our all wholly to thee – I pray that my dear friend may be remembered in the

covenant of thy love, that their hearts may all be renewed and they be made one with the blessed Saviour — — —

O Lord I pray that I may be enabled by Divine grace, to be more dutiful in my conduct to the husband whom thou hast mercifully given me, I ~~know~~ I am not kind as its my duty — keep me from being distracted with care so that my temper may be ruffled, and give me, an even, hum=ble, childlike, peaceable disposition that I may offend none; may I have all needful discretion, to guide the concerns of the family with propriety but above all my thy fear be contin=ually before my eyes; and in all my conduct may I have a sincere desire to glorify thy great name — suffer me not ~~to~~ to be negligent with regard to my secret devotions, but give me opportu=nity, and inclination statedly to perform them, and by all means let me be made meet for thine heavenly kingdom by Christ[illegible]

Novr 5th 1805 - Tuesday evening - Last sabbath by Divine goodness, I was enabled to go to God's house; there to dedicate our little one ~~Kitty~~ to its Maker, and rightful owner; the duty is important - but by me per=formed too formally and cold - when I consider how multiplied my favours are; I am as=tonished, that the long suffering of God is still continued - but he is God - that alone is enough - - - before my confine=ment I looked forward with fearful uncer=tainty, to the distressing hour - I have been bro't thro' it safely - and now where is my gratitude - I was eager to call for assistance and protection, from him who only was able to afford it - but now when every thing is according to our hopes, where are the praises, we so justly ~~[illegible]~~ owe to our merciful Father? - astonishing stupidity! O thou Holy Spirit strike my flinty heart - I mourn over it - but thou alone canst change it - I pray for the pardon of all my sins, and that thou wouldst accept of me and my dear children, I would now renewedly give them and all my dearest interests up to thee ~~and~~ I desire to take thee Father Son and Holy Ghost for my por=tion here and hereafter - amen -

Nov. 10th Sabbath evening - One week after another is swiftly passing away, and my life is thus going - soon its end must come, and O my soul art thou ready? - hast thou obtained an interest in the blood of the blessed Jesus? - art thou clothed with the perfect robe of his righteousness? - nothing else will avail thee in the great day of account. I read that he is willing to save all that come unto him - yea that God is more ready to give his holy Spirit to them that ask him, than earthly parents are to give their children good gifts - encouraged by this I would desire to come, and plead earnestly for myself and my dear friends and children, that we may all receive the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit - Mr Backus of Bethlem preached this morning from these words - but when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room - whose humility - I stayed at home this afternoon - with William who is sick may he be recovered, and may we all live and be blessings, till we are prepared for a state of happiness in that world of glory which was purchased by the blood of our great mediator amen -

Lord's 17th Today I have been at meeting
all day - Mr Stone of Cornwal preached
from Job in the morning, for I know
that my Redeemer liveth &c - this after
noon from Psalm 51st purge me with
hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me
and I shall be whiter than snow - I
would now render praise to God that
he hath restored to health my little
boy - the Lord is very merciful, and
loadeth me with favors, tho' I am
altogether vile and rebellious - but I
dare not say this neither, if I am re=
=newed by the Holy Ghost. I would wish
to render praise to the God of my salva
=tion, and not sin by ingratitude and
unbelief - & if it may seem good in thy
sight, I beseech thee, shew me my con=
=dition, make me to know whether I am
in the faith, and if I am not, give me
faith even to the salvation of my soul
I pray for more patience - more heavenli
=ness of mind - and more a sense of thy pres
=ence, that I may not sin against thee - leave
not my dear friend I pray thee, but let them
and us all live so in this world as to be
finally happy in thy kingdom for Christs sake amen

Nov. 27th 1805 wednesday even. Another anniversary of thanksgiving and praise is approaching tomorrow we are called upon to set apart for this purpose - the work is most rational, and our gratitude ought to rise continually to our gracious bene=factor, - the mercies which I have re=ceived the last year, are innumerable another dear child I have bro't forth am again in health and strength - my dear parents and other friends are still continued to me - but above all I am still in a land of hope - I pray that I may so improve all these blessings ~~that~~ I may be led to trust entirely and with filial freedom in the God of my life and Author of all my mercies - make the offering of thy people on the morrow acceptable I beseech thee; purify it & then it will please thee - and may I and all my dear friends have sincere ~~gratitude~~ to thee and faith in the ~~Lord~~ Jesus Christ - ~~that~~ we may all ~~finally~~ be saved thro' him and praise thee forever in a world of glory amen -

Nov. 28th I have attended meeting today; but O what a cold hard heart have I, that will not be moved under all the mercies which I continually enjoy, O for a heart to love and serve thee as I ought— O that I may see the glory of thy character, and be enabled to love thee supremely, and so live as to dwell at last in thine heavenly kingdom O Lord I desire to commit, and commend unto thee my dear children — thou hast given me a heart to feel for their eternal welfare in some degree, thou makest me to feel anxious for their precious souls; in Jesus Christ there is a fulness, he hath died the just for the unjust— may there not be a sufficiency even for the salvation of my dear children— make us faithful in all that is our duty to instruct and govern them, and O grant me grace that I may pray for them and with them hear and answer me— grant thy blessing on all my dear friends and let none of us die till by faith we shall have been able to lay hold on the hope set before us—

forgive all the sins of this day, and enter not into judgment with me but make me more devout in future and cause me to glorify thy name and at last be saved thro' Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever amen — —

Nov. 30th Saturday evening - The week past, we have been called upon to set apart a day for public thanksgiving and praise; but are not our hearts an abomination to that God who is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity I have been endeavouring to curb my fretful temper, I am too apt to speak quick to my children and and to reprove them in a harsh manner, this morning I sought earnestly the assistance of divine grace - and think I have been restrained in some measure, may I experience more and more of thy gracious ~~ey~~ assistance - Dec. 7th today I have been at meeting all day - and this afternoon in secret prayer had some comfort, in dedicating myself and my all ~~to~~ to my continual benefactor - & that I may know my true condition - and that I and all my dear friends may live near thee here and ~~b~~ dwell forever in thy presence, for Christ's sake amen

Saturday ~~evening~~ Decr 7th Still my life is spared, and my health and that of my family — the goodness of the Lord is unbounded; — but O this evil heart of unbelief — I beseech thee O Lord, to cause me to love thee supremely, may I have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and may thine holy Spirit dwell in my heart, and strengthen all my good endeavours, and restrain me from all sin and conduct me in the way everlasting, I pray for my dear friends and family, O let not one soul of us perish, but save us for Christ's sake and finally receive us all to thy glory thro' Jesus Christ thy Son amen

Decr 8th — This day I have been permitted to attend public worship but have been very cold and lifeless — last evening I felt some engagedness, I hope — I had some sense of the importance of speedily attending to the concerns of salvation — I felt great anxiety for my dear children, and was able in some degree to wrestle with God for them in prayer — O Lord I beseech thee, assist me in the duties of the morrow — strengthen me, and make me feel more deeply the importance of calling upon thee for renewing grace — bless all my dear friends with all necessary good but especially make us all the subjects of thy grace for Christ's sake amen

Dec. 14th Saturday even. Mr. Williams an excellent pious man is here, will preach tomorrow - how amiable and lovely is religion - if I do not possess it myself, I am sure I love it in others, I am sure I feel an affection for them peculiar, very different from that which I feel to others - sometimes I feel as if could freely trust in the Lord, and feel as if he would accept me, and I feel a satisfaction in dedicating myself to him, and in saying I am his - may I have more and more of this disposition.

Sabbath even. I have been at meeting all day - but what account can I give of the improvement I make of all these privileges - Mr. Williams preached ~~from Rob~~ upon conformity to God if we love those things which God loves so far we are conformed to him - Gracious God I beseech thee to give me more of the temper of thy children and a likeness to thy image - make me to know my real character, and if I am still in sin, O awaken me, and let me not rest till I have an interest in the blood of the lamb - regard in mercy all my dear friends let none of them perish. but bless them with temporal favours but above all prepare them and us to go and dwell in thy kingdom for Christ's sake amen

Dec. 25th 1805 - Last sabbath Mr. Perry of Sharon preached - I had the privilege of attending all day - but how hardened am I under all these advantages - but I desire to thank God that he hath not wholly given me up to hardness of heart - so far from it I am more thoughtful as to serious things than I have been for a long time - this is owing to nothing in me - far from it - it is the work of his holy Spirit, and I must hope he will go on, and not leave me till I can say, "I know on whom I have believed" - I pray that I may not be left to grieve his holy Spirit, but be assisted to cherish all his motions that I may grow in grace and feel that I have an interest at the throne of grace - & if I have such an interest - I entreat that I may be enabled, to join with some Christian friends in setting apart some portion of each week in seeking in a social manner the blessings of his grace, even a shower of divine grace upon the hearts of this people - & that our dear children may be brought into the kingdom of the redeemer - let our hearts be more and more engaged in advancing thy glory - and may all our dear friends be united to the Saviour of sinners, that we may all finally meet in the kingdom of heaven - for Christ's sake amen -

Dec. 29th Sabbath evening — I have attended meeting all day again, how abundantly am I favoured in this respect — and yet how little do I improve the privilege — one thing however, I desire to be thankful for, that I have opportunity to regularly morning and evening to pray in secret — and I hope I am not quite indifferent as to the duty — I pray that I may be enabled to perform every duty more acceptably — and O above all things I beseech thee to let me not depart hence till by faith I shall have seen the Lord's anointed I pray that my life and health may be preserved and continued if it may consist with thy will — and that I may be made faithful to train up these dear children for immortal life — bless all my dear absent friends I pray thee and let us all so live here that we may finally dwell with thee forever in thy kingdom above — and let the kingdom of the blessed redeemer fill the world and all partake of thy salvation amen —

Jany 1st 1806 - It is now five years since I entered the marriage relation - the Lord has been very kind and merciful - we have enjoyed health, and all outward blessings - we have been strengthened to bring four children into the world - and what a favour is it, they are all healthy and promising - other families have been visited with sickness and death, while we remain in peace and quietness - and now O Lord God, Father Son and Holy Ghost I entreat for this year also - I desire to give up myself my children and my all unto thee, beseeching thee to accept of us in and thro' Jesus Christ who is the way ~~truth~~ the truth and the life - -

Jany. 5th Sabbath evening - The table of the Lord has again been spread, and we have been assembled around it, to taste the dying love of Jesus Christ - I was more careful than usual in preparing, and I tho. I felt more as I ought - but still I am in doubt as to my real situation - I fear I am one of the foolish virgins who took no oil wit

them - my thots dwell much upon death and judgment - I pray that I may not lose this thotfulness - but that it may be followed with holy hope and trust in the Saviour, I read that he is willing to save all that come to him, why may I not hope I - It is because I have an evil heart of unbelief - I pray that I may be brott into the light and liberty of the children of God; let me be more and more acquainted with my own heart and with thee O Lord the infinite good - and may my trust be in the Lord of hosts - I have ~~determined~~ resolved by ~~grace~~ the assistance of divine grace to read a chapter every morning, when I retire for secret devotion, I likewise resolve in the strength of the Lord, to keep a day of fasting and prayer on behalf of myself and my children once in three months - and now O Lord God Father Son and Holy Ghost - I desire this new Year, to give myself up to thee in an everlasting covenant, once more I beseech thee to take me for thine own - I commend all my dear friends unto thee and beseech thee to keep us all this year from evil, and let us see another new year, with new hearts - but there is reason

Jany 12th Sabbath ~~evening~~ - This afternoon I attended meeting, the sermon was upon Charity at night I was enabled to plead earnestly with God for myself and my children - last week I was more punctual in secret devotion; for which I desire to be thankful - I pray that I may be thankful that I am not wholly hardened, and ~~that~~ may I be roused more and more - and have a praying and submissive temper - I pray for all my dear friends that we may all have right views of divine things, and that the Holy Spirit may take up his abode in all our hearts - that we may all be useful in life and faithful to death and at last happy in thy heavenly kingdom for Christ sake alone amen -

Jany 19th Another Sabbath opportunity has been indulged me, and yet I am a sinful creature, O Lord forgive all my sins, and let me be more and more awakened, to a sense of eternal things - that I may plead with thee, for myself and my children - I pray for thy direction in all the duties of this week keep us from sin and evil and bless all our dear friends and let us all be partakers of thy grace in Jesus Christ amen -

Feby 8th 1806 - Last sabbath evening I neglected writing - attended meeting all day, but alas all my opportunities I fear are worse than lost; for if I do not rightly improve them, they will serve to aggravate the my final punishment - after all my trial and examination, I cannot yet determine what is my condition; if I was indeed a child of God would he not give me some evidence? - I know not, sometimes his own children are suffered to live all their life in darkness - so I am resolved, to leave all with him thro' Jesus Christ - to pray for assistance to do my duty, and as far as I am able to do it - but alas all I can do is nothing - worse than nothing unless it is sanctified by the Holy Spirit I pray to be more awakened to eternal things - that I may be much in prayer for myself my dear children and friends, and that I may have such help in the family as to be able to read and pray as much as may be right - bless all my dear friends both here and hereafter, and let us all at last join the glorious society above for Christs sake amen -

Feby 9th 1806 I have attended meeting all day, and heard Mr H— preach two sermons upon pure religion — but alas if I were knew what it was I am sure I do not practice it now I ought to be humbled for all my sins and fly to the atoning Saviour I pray for his sake that a blessing may be upon all my dear friends & my dear children that we may all finally meet in thy kingdom above for Christs sake amen —

Febr 16th To day I have been at home on account of a hard cold myself which I have myself my babe is quite un=well — may the Lord sanctify the wor[d] I have read, forgive all my sins and let this sickness be not unto death but to the glory of thy great name let me be humbled under my sins and fly for pardon and salvation to thy blood of sprinkling — may my friends all be blessed and finally may we all meet in thy kingdom to dwell in thy presence forever for Christs sake amen

Feby 21st 1806 — What mercies follow me at every step I find some fresh instance of goodness from the Lord — last monday evening my dear parents arrived, & in better health than usual — they made a fine visit and set out for home on Friday I have to lament as usual my neglect of religious conversation — with my parents my husband and indeed on all occasions I desire to praise the Author of all my mercies for this fresh testimony of his kindness — and that my health and that of the children is so far restored — I pray if it may please thee, that I may be preserved from sickness — that I may be able to take care of my family and children — I have been at meeting all day had some little solemnity but Oh shame and confusion of face belong unto me — and I hardly dare hope for mercy — I pray for a blessing upon my dear parents husband children & all my friends may they have temporal favours as many as may consist with thy glory but above all deny them not a new heart and the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant, in which may we all be partakers for Christ's sake amen — +

March 2d 1806. – The Lord is still favouring me with line upon line, tho' I am hardened in sin – I have had this day the broken body and the streaming blood of the Lord Jesus Christ set before me – but alas all is wrong my wicked heart will not receive the truth – O turn me I beseech thee from the evil of my ways to Jesus Christ – ~~[illegible]~~

When I consider the spotless excellency of the Eternal God, the Allmighty allpresent God, I shrink into nothing; I feel that I am a worm before him – but when I reflect that Christ the blessed Son of God, came into the world suffered and died for sinners like me, then I feel the importance of the soul then I see the evil nature of sin, so that it could not be atoned for but by the precious blood of the Son of God – O for a sense of my real condition, that I may know whether I am in the faith and be indeed convinced of the truth – I pray that all my dear friends may be blessed and that our children may all be made the children of God and that we may all finally be received into thy family for Christ's sake amen –

March 13th Last sabbath evening Mr Dodge was here - he is surely an example of which Christians ought to follow, I mean with regard to making religion the chief subject of conversation - he seems swallowed up with divine things - and his conversation is almost wholly upon religious subjects - O that I could speak that my tongue was loosed - that I speak the wonderful works of the Lord Mr Chase preached last sabbath and I was ~~[illegible]~~ at meeting all day - but do not improve as I might O for pardon and a blessing upon all my dear friends and that we may all finally be redeemed by the blood of the great atoning sacrifice — — —

March 16th Once more has the Lord been calling me to attend to eternal things but O my wicked heart - I have attended meeting all day in the morning the sermon was upon the blessedness of the pure in heart - this afternoon upon the terrible one and the scorner - in secret prayer this evening I strove to have some sense of eternal things but O how cold and dead - Blessed Saviour of sinners cleanse me and all my sinful works in thy blood - let my dear children be taken into thy family and may all my dear friends ask blessings & mercy we all at last be saved and sanctified [illegible]

Saturday evening - March 21st What wonderful commotions are taking place in our world God is bringing one event after another in regular succession - and tho' to us things look dark yet all is plain & light to his view - these things are to usher in the glorious reign of the Prince of Peace - - what blessedness will those enjoy who live under his reign in the Millenium - and what blessedness may those enjoy even in this state of disorder and confusion who conduct as his loyal subjects who have embraced him as the Lord their righteousness - and place all their confidence in him - O let me be one of thy dear children and all my dear friends united to the infinite Saviour in an everlasting covenant -

March 23d I attended meeting this afternoon. Mr Hook preached from these words who then is Paul &c - I have had many serious tho'ts this day, but cannot feel that strong faith which I desire - Lord increase my faith - and let all my friends & children be united to Jesus Christ that we may be thine forever - - amen -

March ~~29~~th 30th One opportunity after another is afforded me, while I fear I am growing more and more hardened in sin – Last Friday I spent as a day of secret fasting, and prayer that the Lord would save my dear children but not feeling any enlargement, I fear I was not accepted – & that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will – surely it is the desire of my heart to serve him, but my evil disposition inclines me to depart from him; I am at times almost ready to give up my case as hopeless – but then I cannot quite do it – I must call upon God who only hath power to save – I have been at meeting this afternoon these words were the subject of the discourse – May grace mercy & peace be multiplied &c – I pray for the pardon of my sins for a blessing on all my dear friends – and my children that we may all be renewed and sanctified – and finally saved thro' Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever amen –

April 6th Last Friday was observed as a day of public fasting – and I endeavoured to give myself up to the Lord afresh – but so vile I

unworthy an offering I almost fear he will not accept it. but why do I say thus; it is sinful to think that I shall be excluded because of unworthiness, none ever were saved but by the mere mercy of God in and thro' a Saviour- his mercy and grace are boundless, why then should I distrust — Lord I believe help thou mine unbelief — to day I have been at meeting all day - the text was in Isaiah 1st 18th Come now and let us reason together — on the reasonablness of religion - I have for a few days felt more easy in my mind - but I fear it is security in sin - Lord I beseech thee teach me my real condition - if I have passed from death to life give me some sense of love to thee - if not I beseech thee convince me, and bring me out of darkness into marvellous light bless all my dear friends and save us all for Christ's sake amen --

April 20th It is long since I have attended to this business of writing, I fear I grow careless today I have not attended meeting been at home with Elizabeth who is sick - with a pain

in her ear and fever - she seems a little better this evening, God grant she may be restored - the conference was here this evening - I pray they may be the means of good - I have today had but little opportunity for devotional feelings but O my heart is hard & I should always feel in a praying frame - - I pray for pardon for myself and all my dear friends that we may all at last meet in thy kingdom of glory for Christs sake amen - -

April 27th Today I have been permitted to attend meeting all day - this afternoon the subject was on missionaries - and my heart surely did rejoice in all that is doing for God's glory in the world - our dear child who last sabbath detained me at home and after that was alarmingly ill, has nearly recovered and I pray that we may be suitably thankful - surely mercy and goodness follow me all my days O let me not forget the infinite Author of all good - forgive O Lord I pray thee all my sins and let me and all mine be used as instruments of advancing thy glory in the world and be brought at last to thy joy in glory for Christs sake alone amen -

May 4th 1806 - I have attended meeting all day and the conference this evening - have also been allowed liberty to sit down at the table of our Divine Lord and Master I think but perhaps I am deceivd, that Christ appears more precious to me of late than formerly - and I have felt more elevated while singing his praise than ever I did before - the Lord preserve me from self deceit - we are contemplating a journey to see all our parents and most of our brothers and sisters, with our ~~young~~ children - we have been prospered hitherto in our preparation, and pray for thy divine assistance and favour in all our ways bless all our dear friends ~~and~~ and let us all finally be received to thyself for Christs sake amen

Litchfield June 7th 1806 — Saturday evening
After a journey and visit to the most of my relations which has employed a little more than a month; the goodness of a merciful Providence permits me, once more make a record at my own home - and O that I could with suitable gratitude record the loving-kindness and mercy of a holy and compassionate God - my parents and friends are still living, and in comfortable circumstances my husband and children still live and are in health - and the innumerable blessings which continually encompass me; shew me that God is long suffering - and that I am a monstrous sinner, I pray for pardon, and all supplies of grace that I stand in need of and that all my dear friends and all mine may meet at length in thy kingdom above for Christs sake amen —
Lords day - I have attended meeting all day - the first sermon was upon the souls of a christian being like a well watered garden - - the second, from

these words they that have seen him shall say where is he — — — I have been reading Bunyan's good news for the vilest of men. and have almost resolved to hope — but why do I say almost — this doubting this unbelieving is offensive to a compassionate God who hath done so much to save sinners — it is offensive, to the blessed Saviour who stands waiting with open arms — O Lord I come I desire to fly unto thy bosom, I here give myself up unto thee and I pray thee to take and keep me — O let me not wander — grow faint, and doubting — but by thine almighty power keep me thro' faith unto salvation — if I am in the right way O keep me so — and give me strength to go on and glorify thee — I pray for all my dear friends my parents and my family — that we may all be prepared for life death and a happy eternity with thee for Christs sake amen — — Saturday even.

Last Sabbath I had no time to write — I have been anxious as to my state a week or two — and trembling last S

when I die I shall be left to darkness, &
be punished in the flames of hell —
Sabbath day June 29th Mr Gridley of Water
=town preached today, I heard him in the
morning, his text was these words, out
of the abundance of the heart the mouth
speaketh — on * christians being backward
to converse upon religious subjects — I
felt myself convicted, and hope to profit by
his advice — he told us to pray for assis
=tance in this duty — and wait upon
God in the exertion of all our endeavours.
I have been reading Newton's letters on
religious subjects — I find great encour
=agement to continue, and press forward,
waiting God's time for light, I have
resolved by the assistance of Divine grace
to give all my care to Christ, to
press forward in the way of duty as
far as I can see it plain — and to read
the scriptures daily and pray morning
and evening at least in secret — these
things I do not [~~~]ast any ground of merit
or justification but because God has
promised his blessing on the use of means
I pray for all my dear friends and my chil
=dren, O most merciful Redeemer I beseech thee
keep us all thro' faith unto salvation bear
us above the fear of death — and bring us all to
thyself in glory for thy own mercys
sake amen —

July 6th Sabbath evening — The sacrament of the Lord's supper, has been administered here this day, and I was favoured with an opportunity of attending, I sought assistance (but O how faintly) in this duty by prayer, and by fasting in part only, on account of being bad, but I am so dull and stupid I have no right to expect a bless-ing — I hope I was not wholly without comfort at the Lords table but this afternoon in secret, I had more longing desires for the advance-ment of Christ's kingdom than common — O for more grace to be faithful to all duty — I pray for a blessing on all our dear friends that we may all at last unite in the heavenly glory and be with the Lord for ever amen —

July 14th To day I have been permitted to attend meeting — in the morning the sermon was upon harvest, he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame — this afternoon to young men — Rise speak to this young man — Christ has commissioned his minis-ters to speak to young men and explain to them all the doctrines and duties of the scriptures, and they must be in haste as this only is the season we are sure of

the last week I have felt less of terror and fear I am growing stupid; but I do know, (I think,) that I desire the advancement of Christs kingdom, whether from selfish motives or from a religious education I cannot tell -- & I think I desire to love him and serve - I pray that these children whom thou hast in great mercy given us may not be a snare to our souls, neither may we neglect their instruction in things spiritual, but I pray that we may both have all that prudence zeal and fortitude which shall enable us to be faithful to these precious souls, and do thou O most merciful God ~~[illegible]~~ sanctify them all and fit them and us and our dear friends for a final meeting in thy kingdom never more to part -- for Christs sake amen -

July 22d Tuesday evening -- Of late I feel more easy in my mind, and I fear I am sinking again into sin; but am I not sure that I have desires after holiness -? - these desires shall be satisfied if sincere - our heavenly father is more ready to give his spirit to them that ask him than earthly parents are to give their children good gifts - what

greater encouragement & we need,
& may our hearts never give over
seeking till we are sure of the prize
last sabbath Mr. Mills preached
his discourse in the afternoon was
upon the invitations of the gospel.
may we and all our dear friends so
attend as to have a share in the
blessings which are promised to thy
children for Christs sake amen —
July 27th. This afternoon I attended meeting
the text I forget — but the sermon was upon
the doings of the unregenerate being always
sinful — one idea struck me — it is wicked
for sinners to pray — it is also wicked for
them to refrain — and tho in praying
and attending the means of grace they sin
yet still they are in a more likely
way to obtain salvation than if they
forbear — I enjoyed some comfort this
forenoon in reading some hymns — & how
precious are the promises to those who can
safely apply them to themselves — I must
hope that it may please God in his
own good time to lift upon me the
light of his reconciled countenance &
may I praise his name that our lives
are still preserved and may we all so improve
our lives and all our favours as finally to meet
in thy kingdom for Jesus sake the prevalent intercessor amen — —

Tuesday night – August 7th 1806 – Just ten months ago I was delivered of our dear Bethia – at this hour I was racked with pain and anguish – four successive years have I experienced the signal favour of Allmighty God in preserving me thro this dangerous ~~fe~~ scene of distress, and raising me to health and strength without any alarming illness – as often he hath given me occasion to thank and praise him for the birth of a living proper and promising child – and untill this time they are all living and in health as are the rest of our family surely he hath distinguished me above any other – when I consider all the mercies (but I cannot consider ~~them~~ a thousandth part of them) I have reason to blush and be ashamed but above all when I reflect upon my revolting backsliding heart it is amazing ~~that~~ he did not suffer me to go down to destruction – but thanks be to his name forever, he hath roused me to attend once more to my condition – and I am now waiting and entreating that the holy Spirit may enlighten me and lead me

me in the way everlasting — Last
sabbath Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins were
here and brought us good tidings
from our parents — I pray for them
for my self my husband and chil-
dren and domestics that we may
all be renewed and sanctified
and accepted of thee in thy king-
dom above for Jesus sake amen —
August 10th Lords day — Mr Williams of Nor-
=ton preached here to day in the morning
his text was in Jude 1st chapter and
verse. this afternoon 119th Psalm 63d verse
on desiring the company of saints — I
sometimes think I do indeed love the Lord
and desire to promote his glory — but
if I am indeed regenerated why do I
not serve him better? why are my
thots so wandering in his house — I
me reply, I am a sinner and Jesus has
died for such — here would I place all
my hopes and all my dependence —
and O let me never be shaken from this
confidence — pardon I pray thee all the sins
of the day past and bless me and all mine
and let none of us be left finally to perish
but save us for the sake of the great Redeemer

August 17th The text this morning was in -- these words who will roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre - christians ought not to look at difficulties with the thought that they must themselves remove them but go on in duty and the obstacles will be taken away by a superior power -- this afternoon the prudent foreseeth the evil and hideth himself - but the simple pass on and are punished - may the blessing of the Lord attend one and all pious and let us O Lord at last meet thee in thy presence for Christ's sake amen -

August 31st Last sabbath Mr. Mc. Ewen preached in the morning from these words was not Abraham justified by ffaith when he had offered up Isaac -&c -- seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect - - ~~Tod~~ This forenoon I attended meeting - Wine is a mocker - it was intended to hit a particular character and I hope will be a benefit.

If I am not guilty of any of those scandalous sins which bring disgrace upon religion and ruin upon the sou[l] it is not from any virtue in me, should the Lord for a moment withdraw his restraining hand, who can tell what sins I might fall into - I beseech thee leave me not to my s[elf] grant me still more of thy restraining and assisting grace that I may not dishonour thee but glorify and serve thee with my whole heart - reconcile me entirely to thy dealings - give me patience and strength to bear all those layest upon me - when thou callest m[e] to sickness and pain; & then be nea[r] to help and uphold me and comfort me with thy presence - which will m[ake] make all trials light and easy - bless I beseech thee our dear children restore hea[lth] to the little one - grant to all our absent friends the blessings of thy grace & that we may all meet at last in thy kingdom above for the sake of Jesus Chri[st] to whom be glory forever amen - -

Sept. 7th Mr. H. is absent at New York and expects to attend commencement at New Haven - he left home last Tuesday; I have felt less uneasy than I usually do when he is gone, I hope it is because I feel more comfort in religion - but my heart is deceitful, and I fear I do not know it - I have been at meeting all day Col. Tallmage read a discourse in the morning from these words but covet ear=nestly the best gifts, and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way - this afternoon the words were these - be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines - - I pray for a blessing on all my dear friends, that my hus=band may be protected on his journey and returned in safety that we may all so improve our priviliges and opportunities as finally to meet in a world of blessedness above for Christ's sake alone amen -

Sept. 15th Monday evening - Yesterday morning Mr. Miller of New York preached upon the character of Judas - in the afternoon Mr Vale preached upon the doct

-nine of election — I was so much [struck through] with cares and business, and at the same time felt so sick that I was unfit for any thing that I did not keep the day as I ought — but I know these are not excuses which will stand in the great day of account — the blood of Jesus alone is the propitiation for sin — and to this would I fly — & let me be washed in it throughly and cleansed that I may be made a partaker of thy grace — I pray for a blessing on all my dear friends, strengthen them for every duty and let us all at length meet in thy kingdom to celebrate thy praises, for Christ's sake amen — — —

Sept. 28th Sabbath evening — This morning I went to meeting heard a sermon on these words in Kings — "what dost thou here Elijah" — God is speaking to every one of his rational creatures in these words, more especially to professors &c — This afternoon I stayed with the children and read in the Pamphlet I have spent this Sabbath very differently

from what I intended and from what I know ~~it now~~ I ought — but Christ is ~~w~~ thy and ~~th~~ his to him I would fly grant ~~to~~ me pardon and salvation and let all my dear friends be also blessed and ~~man~~ we all finally meet in thy ~~company~~ kingdom ~~above~~ for Christ's sake amen — — —

Oct. 5th I attended meeting all day today — the sermon in the morning was upon living peaceably with all men, this afternoon I will have mercy before sacrifice — I am much hurried with care and work — but that is no excuse for my backwardness O Lord form my heart anew and ~~at~~ turn my eyes to see Heaven ly things; ~~in all things to guide~~ may I give dilligence to ~~be as~~ make my calling & election sure — let not the world with any of its cares or allurements tempt me to neglect the great duties which I owe to thee — make all my dear friends the children of thy grace and let us all to ascend to thee at last and live with thee forever for Christs sake amen — —

Oct. 12th I have again been permitted to attend meeting the text was in Acts 18th - 17th - and Galio cared for none of those things on the criminality of indifference with respect to subjects of importance - - I feel that I am indeed criminal in this respect for tho' I rather I do in some degree feel the importance of religion, still it does not have that effect upon my life and conduct which it ought - every moment of my life I need cleansing in the blood of Jesus or else I must forever perish - Lord Jesus have mercy on me and lead me into all truth and duty give me more and more a sense of eternal things and the necessity of Divine grace to renew the sinful heart - and O let me and my dear children and all my friends receive of that fullness which there is in Christ and grace for grace, that when we leave this world we may be die in peace and be received to thyself in glory for Christ's sake amen -

Oct. 19th From time to time I am allowed to assemble in the house and with the people of God - for his worship - but how sadly do I misimprove and neglect these blessed opportunities; not only the sabbath but every day and every hour testifies to my ingratitude and hardness of heart to my rebellion and distrust of the goodness and mercy of God - these my sins O thou gracious Redeemer are all committed against thee and were it not that thou art rich in mercy to all that call upon thee I could have no hope hear O Lord I entreat thee and pardon my sins for the sake of thy own mercy and shine into my dark polluted soul the sermon to day were upon these words and did not there many mighty works because of their unbelief - O my soul thou dost grieve the blessed Jesus and his Spirit and cause him to depart - O come into my soul and leave me no more to myself - regard in mercy all my dear friends and bless them and all of us, make us thankful for mercies and so live as finally to meet in thy kingdom above Amen

Sabbath evening Oct. 26th Another sabbath has passed bearing testimony to my innumerable privileges, and likewise testifying to my stupidity and ingratitude — it is astonishing that when God and his Son have done so much for the salvation of sinners, we should be so unmoved — & the depravity of the human heart — the sermon this morning was upon the conduct of Ahaz — that he did not that which was right in the sight of the Lord like David his father — those who have had a pious parentage ought to be careful that they walk in the ways of virtue as did their fathers this afternoon the sermon was upon these words they that be whole need not a physician but they that are sick. Think O my soul how fast the weeks are carrying thee thy last home and thy final Judge — of late I have had a realizing sense of death — but I did not suffer it to terrify me for I endeavoured to cast all upon the blessed Saviour — sometimes I have beautiful ~~views~~ views of his glorious character, but am not sure my heart is right with him & for more convincing proof — may a sabbaths blessing rest on all my dear friends — and by wisely improving these seasons — may we be preparing for an eternal day of rest in the kingdom of Christ amen —

Nov. 7th — Last sabbath was a communion
season — the sermon in the morning was
upon these words, yea he is altogether
lovely — as I have had of late some sense
of the excellency of Christ, it did my
heart good to hear these words as a
text — & he is indeed altogether lovely
the chief among ten thousand —
in the afternoon this was the
text, come thou with us and we
will do thee good for the Lord hath
spoken good concerning Israel — —
christians ought to be unwearied
in their endeavours to persuade those
around them to come to Christ,
and join themselves to the Lord —
may I have more grace to enable
to be more faithful in this and
all other duties — may the Lord
take care of me and of all ~~men~~
and receive us all at last to his
kingdom thro' riches of divine
grace in Jesus Christ amen —
Nov. 23 — Last sabbath my parents were per-
we had expected them a long time and were
a little anxious about them but were

day before last they came and in comfort-
able health - my Mother has been unwell
but was better - they left us last monday
and I can't be thankful enough that they
have again been permitted to visit us - it
is a great comfort indeed to see them, but
this sooner or later will leave us or we
shall be taken from them - if we may so
live as finally to meet in heaven we shall
then never more know a separation - today
I have been at meeting in the morning, staid
at home in the afternoon as the walking
was very wet - the sermon was on the
Divine government - - read a little in Dod-
-dridge's rise and progress - last evening in se-
-cret prayer, I enjoyed more freedom and
comfort than common, my mouth was
opened and my heart enlarged to pray for
advancement of Christ's kingdom, for
the poor heathen and jews - for my friends
and parents, my children husband &
domestics - this evening I had another
favourable season - may I not hope the
Lord is returning to my soul - O- O let me
join every power to welcome his approach
I pray for a blessing on me and all mine
this week, that we may offer an accepta-
bly thank offering in the name of thy Son -
to him with the Father and the Holy Spirit
be praises eternal amen - - -

Litchfield Nov. 26th - Tomorrow is appointed by our rulers to be observed as a day of thanks-giving - it is indeed a privilege that we are permitted to keep such a day and an espe=cial favour that we may have a heart to feel that gratitude which is so reasonably due to our infinitely kind benefactor - I can't but hope that I do indeed feel it in some degree; of late I have had more of a spirit of prayer, and I think more sense of the glory and excellency of the Saviour - than ever I had before - this I do not view as a merit of my own, but as an evidence that the Lord is gra=cious unto my soul - may I be thank-ful for it - and for all the mercies of my life - that my parents were pious and gave me a religious education, that their lives are still spared - that I was enabled early to give myself up to the Lord - and when I had backslidden that he was pleased to restore me so gently - that my lot is cast where I have so many religious advantages, that the lives of & health of our family and children are

still spared and for all the innumerable blessings I enjoy – I pray for sincere gratitude and and a heart to resign myself and all mine into the hands of my heavenly Father, may all my dear friends be blessed in him and may we all finally meet in heaven and spend a happy eternity in singing praises to God and the Lamb

Sabbath day – Nov. 3d I have been at meeting all day – the text was in Phillippians 3d 20th For our conversation is in heaven – I can't but hope I have experienced what it is – tho' I have not that full assurance which some have when I think on death the king of terrors or the trying moment which shall separate this soul and body – my heart fails me and I cry for more grace and for more faith – O form me I beseech thee to the practice of all holiness and virtue and let me never go aside from my duty forgive all the sins of this day – bless all my dear friends, & gave them with an everlasting salvation, and let them all be washed and purified and justified and made acceptable thro' the blood of Jesus Christ – fill the world with thy glory and let the news of salvation be preached to every creature and all flesh see of thy salvation in Christ. Infcann[illegible]

Dec. 6th Saturday evening. — This evening of the week is spent by me very differently from what it was before I was married but perhaps it is not now wholly unprof=itable — How thankful ought I to be that I am still allowed to keep the sabbath in this land of hope — I am not yet cut off from the reach of mercy and O what a favour, I am not alto=gether stupid — O for grace to improve all these mercies to my souls salvation —
Dec. 7th I attended meeting all day, we had no preach=ing — Mr. H. was gone to Washington to give Mr Day a Sabbath — two sermons were read upon these words, thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour — we should avoid speaking ill of others, and we should not withhold praise when it is due. I have reason to be humbled for all my offences, and O how much cause to be thankful for all my blessings — ~~may all~~ [illegible struck-through lines]
Dec. 21st Sabbath evening — Mr Backus of Bethlem preached today, in the morning from these words 1st Corinthians 3d chapter 12th and 13th verses — Now if any man build upon this foundation gold silver & this afternoon these were the words For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point — he is guilty of all — — two very good and

mons - but I do not attend to the duties of the sanctuary as I ought - coldness, wandering vain thoughts harrass and distract and lead my mind off from God and duty - last week I did not enjoy that comfort in retirement which I did a week or two before and then I did not prize it as I ought nor feel thankful to the great Author of all my comforts both spiritual and temporal - I entreat the return of the blessed comforter - O leave me not utterly I entreat I implore thee O Lord; but visit my soul with thy salvation; - forgive O Lord my innumerable sins and assist me and direct in all future duty - may my dear parents and friends have all needful favours especially the blessing of thy grace and an interest in the covenant of thy love - may our dear children also be received into thy own family - Jesus thou son of David, take them into thy arms, shield them from all youthful lusts and vanities effectually secure them from vice and folly - and bring us all at last to thy kingdom never more to offend thee or to know sorrow - in worthy name of the blessed Redeemer - to whom with the Father and the Spirit be all praise and glory forever amen -

Jany ~~4th~~ 3d Saturday evening 1807 –
I have now arrived to the beginning of another year - six years have passed since I was united in Marriage with my husband and four children have been given us, or rather lent us, for us to train up to usefulness in life and blessedness in the world to come they are all healthful and to appearance promising - how thankful we should be for this; and how ought we to exert ourselves in behalf of these little creatures, who inherit from us nothing but sin and sorrow - To thee O thou Lamb of God do I come with these little ones wash them I beseech thee in thy blood and suffer not satan to have dominion over them, bless us all O Lord this year order all things in mercy for us, and when thou shalt call for us hence O take us to thyself - bless me O Lord with regard to ~~what they~~ the trying scene which is coming upon me O Lord support me, and raise me again to health that I may speak and live to thy glory.

Jany 11th 1807 Last Sabbath was a sacramental occasion, and because I did not make due preparation, I suppose, I did not enjoy ~~it~~

I sometimes do - ~~In the morning~~ Today Mr Whittlesey a candidate preached here, I as usual attended meeting all day, but I do not improve these seasons as I ought - my only hope is in Jesus Christ, and for his sake I pray for a blessing on myself and my dear friends and family that we may all finally meet in thy kingdom above to praise and serve thee without sin or imperfection - - amen - -

Feby 8th Sabbath evening - Last wednesday was my birth day - and I have now entered upon my twenty ninth year - the rapid succession of years, should remind me of the close of life to which I am so fast tending - a few more years at most shorter than those I have seen will land me in the eternal world, all the dear connections which now enjoy, these precious little ones, so near my heart, can no more be benefited by my counsel or prayers - how important then that I now improve every opportunity in these duties, and ~~O that~~ I might receive from above all ~~that~~ wisdom zeal and grace which I so greatly need to enable me to be faithful - - Today I have been at home al

day; as I had not stay'd before, a long time
this afternoon I enjoyed more freedom than
I have for some time in prayer - how
precious is the blessing - this week we
think of visiting our ~~friends~~ parents,
if the Lord permit, and without his
blessing I desire not to go - I hope we
shall be directed in duty as to going -
and that we and our children and all
our ~~dear~~ friends ~~and children~~ may be
in the keeping of our heavenly Father -
whose power is infinite and whose mercy
thro' Christ endureth forever -

March 7th - Saturday evening - Last week on
Thursday we returned to our family and
three oldest children - having made a fort-
night's visit at my father's, we intended
staying only a week but the sleighing
going off we could not comfortably get home.
we enjoyed good health and our children
were blessed with the same while we were
gone - we there heard of the death of
~~an~~ my brothers second child - a son be-
tween three and four years old - brother
and sister have each been called to part
with a child - and must not I expect
the stroke next? - affliction has never

yet been my portion, few indeed can
count the same number of years,
(which is 28) and have so few troubles
to enumerate — but I ought not to
expect this sunshine to last always
the days of adversity will come, and
in what way can I improve this
prosperous season so advantageously
as in preparing for those months of
sorrow, or to take a final ~~[illegible]~~ leave of
all things below the sun — in our late
journey Providence as usual seemed
to follow us with mercy, and pour it
upon us in abundance, and I desire
to record it with gratitude, such as I
ought to feel — The prospect of
an approaching event, sometimes
casts a shade of anxiety over my
mind, and I consider it doubtful,
whether I shall be continued any
longer in the world such a useless
branch or a barren figtree — & if
I could read my title to eternal
life clear, and had a good ground of
hope — how little should I need to fear,
I desire that this may be my main object
and that God would be pleased to
strengthen me in body and mind for

this trying time - - - I pray for a
blessing on this sabbath; and the
joyful circumstance of commemo
rating the dying love of our lord
Jesus Christ - - -
March 8th I have attended meeting all day
in the morning the text was in Psalms -
The redemption of the soul is precious
and it ceaseth ~~forever~~ - shewing in what
respects the redemption of the soul is
precious; the meaning of the Hebrew
and it ceaseth forever is probably this
that at the time of death there is
no more hope of redemption - this
afternoon, these words were the subject of
the discourse - and the disciples took
the body and buried it and went and told
Jesus - Christians should always in
their sorrows go to Jesus - O let me
learn in all my mercies and advan
tages to go to Jesus that I may have
a sanctified improvement of them.
this morning I enjoyed some comfort in
secret prayer - and I hope was enabled
to plead the covenant faithfulness of

of God- he hath permitted me to enter into covenant with him, and I have endeavoured to give up my self and all that I then was or should be- certainly my children are included and I have daily since, tho' how sinfully God only knows been endeavouring to resign them to the arms of a compassionate Saviour O receive them I beseech thee, and let them and all my dear friends so live as finally to be saved of the Lord, and may we at last join in ascribing praise and honour and glory and blessing unto God and the Lamb who was slain - to him with the Father and the Holy Spirit be praise forever amen —

March 17th This morning I staid at home with the children, this afternoon I went to meeting. Mr Chase preached from these words For I say unto you that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper - I think I do not despise the offers of the gospel- but how little zeal do I manifest how much am I engrossed with earthly cares and

how little do I do for the honour of that Saviour who laid down his precious life as an atonement for the sins of the world. In view of the sufferings which I must soon endure, I would recollect the infinite agonies which Christ underwent for sinners - did he patiently bear all, and cannot I willingly endure the pain of bringing into the world an immortal being, especially when I remember how gracious he has ever been, how tenderly he has dealt with me, and ought I not to hope that seeing he calls me to it, it will in some way be for his glory - O assist me, a weak rebellious creature to honour thee and grant that I may be safely be brought thro' the time of my distress and live so as to adorn the doctrine of God my Saviour - bless this days opportunity to the benefit of my soul, I beseech thee - and grant to me and all mine, a heart diligently to attend to our eternal concerns that so we may be prepared for life or for death for Christs sake alone - amen - -

March 27 - the Fast day -

Last sabbath I attended meeting all day, to day I have likewise been - the sermons were upon these words - - the prophets prophesy

falsely and the priests bear rule by
their means, and my people love to
have it so — but what will they do
in the end thereof — shewing that
people chuse to be deceived — — —
I have been enabled to abstain from
food this day and it has not yet
affected my health — O for grace to call
upon the name of the Lord and for a san-
-ctified improvement of this opportunity —
~~March~~ April 6th Last sabbath Mr Williams preac[hed]
here — a candidate — today I have again at-
-tended meeting all day — the subject was
the Syrophenician woman, and he said un[to]
her, O woman great is thy faith, be
it unto thee even as thou wilt — we
have here an example of that humili-
-ty which we all ought to feel — as
well as of that importunity which is
well pleasing to the Lord — let me en-
-deavour to imitate so good an example
and give the blessed Saviour no rest till
he hath granted to me and my children
new hearts — may I be thankful for
the innumerable blessings which have
been so signally provided for me, es-
-pecially in providing help when all h[uman]
Leuts had failed — surely the Lord ha[th]

hath not forgotten ~~the~~ his tender mer=
=cies, & that I and all mine may
not only receive these temporal fa=
=vours, but may we and all our dear
absent friends be blessed with those
spiritual gifts which shall prepare
us to dwell together in glory above
all, for the sake of Jesus Christ amen

~~March~~ April 13th monday evening — yesterday I was
permitted to attend meeting again all day —
but alas what poor returns do I make
for all these privileges — how basely do
I misimprove ~~them~~ abuse them — the
subject of our meditations was the Souls
immortality — I have been reading
Baxters, Saints rest — and a most excel=
lent book it is — but my cold heart is
not prepared to follow him in all his
holy joy — indeed I think for a few
weeks I have had less enjoyment in the
duties of religion than usual — and it
seems as if I now wanted this support
more than ever, but I desire to wait on
the Lord in the use of his appointed
means, and submit to his will whatever
it may be — may God bless all my dear
friends and bring us all safe to his kingdom for
Christs sake amen — —

~~March~~ April 18th - Another week is gone, forever gone - and what O my soul is the account which I must give of it - ? - poor indeed - were I to stand in my own strength or be saved by my own righteousness, miserable would be my hope, and my end everlasting destruction - but there is a Saviour blessed be his love which induced him to assume this glorious character - and now ~~that~~ he hath suffered and died for sinners he is willing to receive them, he will not cast off one who comes ~~to him~~ for salvation, feeling his own unworthiness - and trusting in the Lord for mercy -

~~March~~ April 19th - The day past has been a fresh testimony of the mercy of the Lord in continuing to me the religious privileges of his house - but I have nothing to feel but shame and self abhorrence - for my stupidity - vain are all means unless the great Author is pleased to accompany them by the gracious influences of his Spirit - come down O thou Divine Spirit and take up thy abode in my heart cleanse it and make it a dwelling fit for thee - - the subject was the souls immort

-ty — and hath brot life and immortali-
-ty to light thro the gospel — — —
The time of my difficulty and distress
is fast approaching — O for that humble
trust in God which shall enable to bear
it acceptably — I pray that my life and
health may be spared and that another
little one may be added safely to our
flock — — but O above all things fit
me for an exchange of worlds and let me
not depart hence without thy presence
and an interest in the great Redeem-
-er — bless all our dear friends and cause
us so to live as finally to die in
peace sleep in Jesus and ~~sta~~ at
last be received to heaven for Christs
sake amen — What thanks and
~~April 16th~~ May 16th
what love do I owe to the great Father
of all my mercies; three weeks ago this
evening being the twenty fifth of April
a little after eleven I was again de-
-livered, thro the abundant mercy of
the Lord, of another living and proper
child, a healthy and promising
man child — O that he with all our other
children may be adopted into the
blessed family of the glorious Redeemer

the Lord hath dealt very bountifully
with me and hath so far restored
me to health that I am again
able to attend to the concerns of
the family - blessed be his name
for all his benefits - in the hour
of my distress he remembered me
with compassion and treated me
with gentleness - last week he per=
mitted my parents to visit us
the came on saturday, and went
away on Tuesday - how thank
ful ought I to be that we have
again seen each other - and now
I beseech thee - fill my heart with
gratitude in some measure answera
ble to the mercies received - and
assist me in due time to dedicate
this little one also unto the Lord an
may I be more sincere than I
have ever been - may my dear frie
be blessed and all of us be brot
at last to thy kingdom of Glory
above for the sake of him who
is infinitely worthy Amen -

May 27th 1807 – Wednesday evening – – –
Last sabbath day I was ~~p~~ indulged with the privilege of going to the house of God & of dedicating another manchild to him I sought his assistance beforehand, and I hope he heard and answered me; for I think I felt more solemnity and comfort in the ordinance than usual – the little one was named Edward Phelps, to bear up the name of a dear child of my brother's who died last winter – O my Father, if indeed thou wilt permit me thus to call thee, who am a stubborn backsliding child – I entreat thee to take this little one also into thy family Most merciful Saviour, do thou graciously wash it in thy own blood, and O thou, Holy Spirit, wilt thou come into its soul and sanctify it – that it may be carried thro' all the troubles and changes of this uncertain life – even to thy heavenly kingdom – and O may this be the portion of all our children and all our friends for Christ's sake amen – –

May 31st sabbath day — The long suffering of God is truly wonderful; sabbath after sabbath I am permitted to attend in his house, and hear the offers of peace & pardon — but O my stupid heart, instead of having it fixed and engaged in the important duties before me, I am cold and lifeless, worldly minded, having my heart fixed on earthly objects. O cleanse me from my sins and make me acceptable to thee.

June 14th sabbath ~~day~~ evening — Yesterday Mrs Cook was buried; I have warnings and invitations, and the strivings of the Holy Spirit, and yet I am unaffected in a great measure. O touch my heart effectually and make it a dwelling fit for thee that I may be ready to follow those who are going before me — forgive O Lord the sins of the day past many and aggravated are my sins O pardon for Christ's sake, and O bless these little children of whom I travail in birth till Christ be formed within them — take away their obstinate hearts, and make them willing in the

day of thy power — bless us all this week that is begun — assist strengthen direct and bless us — and may all our dear absent friends be blessed also — that we may finally be prepared to meet around thy throne above, for Christ's sake amen —

June 21st Lords day — We have a girl to work for us now who we hope is religious, and she and I must now take turns in staying at home, this ~~morning~~ afternoon I hope to attend meeting — — my usual custom of writing, has been for some time interrupted; but I hope to resume it because I think it is a comfort, and I generally find myself more in a proper frame when I can observe it — but alas of late I feel so cold and lifeless that I find nothing to record of my own feelings but complaints of sin and deadness — and is there then nothing to say? — am I altogether lost to the glory and excellency of the Saviour? is there no beauty in him that I should desire him? he who is exalted a prince and a Saviour, who is

is seated at the right hand of the Father - before whom the thousands and tens of thousands of angels and glorified saints are continually prostrating themselves and ascribing all praise and thanksgiving - he surely ought to loved and adored by every creature - but alas! the blindness of my heart - I strike the flinty rock and cause the water of gratitude and love to flow forth - bless me I pray thee and my dear friends every where, grant us a sabbaths blessing, and make us joyful in thy house of prayer - and enable us by thy grace so to improve all the privileges we enjoy here that we may finally join in praising thee in a perfect manner above the reach of sin or sorrow - for Christ's sake amen

July 5th - Today I have been favoured with a communion season, and I did feel some thing which I hoped was love and gratitude but the world and its thousand vanities allured my attention and I did not attend

with all my heart as I ought and as I wished to do, this I think is my grief and burden that I am no more engaged in duty that I am so little affected with the wonders of redeeming love the discourse was upon words like these in the revelations - rejoice and be glad for the marriage of the Lamb is come and his wife hath made herself ready - the first hymn that was sung was beautiful in describing the blessing of the sabbath and day of the Saviour: at the commun: :ion these words, this is the new testament in my blood which was shed for you - drew tears from my eyes but I fear they were only caused by natural sensibility - I am still in the dark, I pray for light & comfort if consistent with thy will O my Saviour - but I desire humbly to leave my case with thee thou art infinitely compassionate - may all my dear friends be blessed and made willing in the day of thy power

and at last may go to dwell in
thy presence forever - ~~amen~~ - O look
down I entreat thee upon this people
and carry on a glorious work among
us and let great numbers be pricked
in their hearts; let there be many this
day convinced of sin and seriously
concerned for their eternal salvation
the work O Lord is thine, we would
all look to thee for its accomplishment
and I would come in behalf of my dear
children, take away I beseech thee
their obstinate dispositions and grant
us wisdom that we may train
them up for thee - and O enable
us all so to live by thy grace
as finally to meet in thy king
dom to dwell together forever in
praising the blessed redeemer
for whose sake we pray to be
heard both now and forever amen
July 12th Lord's day - This morning I stay
with the children; Mr Jerome preache
today - I hope to hear him in the afternoon
and I pray for a word in season to my
own soul as well as for the health

here whose attention is considerably arrested — send thy Spirit O Lord this day and shew thyself to be in the midst of us and that many be born this day into thy kingdom. I pray for my children, O let not them be left to fill up the measure of their iniquity but call them, even early in life to embrace the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ — look on all our dear friends I entreat thee and bring us all to a saving acquaintance with the truth as it is in Jesus Christ, that we may honour thee here and be happy in thy glory, forever thro' Jesus Christ our Saviour amen.

July 19th Lord's day — Another Holy day is come and comes laden with mercies to me un=grateful and wholly unworthy as I am. The week past I have had more satisfac=tion in prayer than before, and have had a great desire to engage in the exercise of social prayer, if it should be for God's glory, and, if I might receive strength

wisdom to perform the duty acceptably
this morning I had a very strong impression
(Mr. Hu—n. being gone) that it was my duty
to pray in the family — but I was restrained
by weakness sinful weakness I fear — but
I desire not to give it up, I shall still
pray for strength if it is agreeable to God's
will, and possibly he will assist me. I
hope I shall not be actuated by selfish
carnal motives but by real desire to
glorify God and to do good to the souls
of men — I pray for a sabbath blessing
this day ~~that~~ I may not seek
my own comfort but thy face and
thy glory — I bear my children still on
my mind — O thou Father of all mercy
I bring them again to thee, they are
not too young to be wrought upon by
thy grace — thy Spirit can teach them
even in infancy as it were to lisp
forth the language of repentance and
faith — O let it be our unspeakable joy
to see our children walking in the
truth — and may all our dear friends be
prepared by thy grace to join at last in
the song of Moses and the Lamb forever and ever
amen —

Litchfield July 26th 1807 — Sabbath evening —
We are permitted even in this stupid place to see what the Lord can do — may we not hope that he is about to build up his cause and revive his blessed work — O that we might not grieve away the Holy Spirit —.
I attended meeting this afternoon took three children and had but little trouble with them — the sermon was upon these words why is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered — —. I have many doubts as to my own state, and am not yet certain — but I pray that I may do my duty and leave the event to him who doth all things well —
I entreat for my dear children — O let them be brot into thy kingdom; and I beseech thee, that out of the mouth of these babes thou wouldst ordain praise —. Bless all our dear friends and let not one of us all be left to final impenitency — but all at last be saved — and brot to thy kingdom
for Christs sake amen —.

August 2d. Lord's day — I am again brôt to see another sabbath, and I desire to thank God for what my eyes see and my ears hear of the glorious work of grace — the work seems to be increasing and I pray that many precious souls may be born to God here — go forth I intreat thee, most compassionate Saviour, this day and let there be joy in heaven ~~this~~ over many repenting returning sinners — send down thy Spirit abundantly and convince sinners of their guilt and lead them in the way everlasting — & I implore thy grace for the children of this family — thou hast been pleased in time past, to discover thyself as it were to babes; thine arm is not shortened; & why may it not please thee to change the hearts of these children — will it not be for thy glory to cause these little ones to speak forth ~~the~~ wonders of redeeming love — O Lord I leave them with thee and commit them to the power of thy grace — my own soul and the souls of all who are dear to me I leave also with thee — and pray thee so dispose of all things relating to us that we may at last be saved — this afternoon I hope to attend meeting, and I pray for a suitable frame, and ~~that~~ I may not be distracted with any care but wholly engaged in the duties of the sanctuary for Christ's amen — —

August 23d The attention to religion is still increasing - O that it might still prosper - we have every assurance, that God is able, and that he delighteth in the welfare of Zion - I pray that all may acknowl=edge this work to be the Lords - that all who feel opposed to it, may be brought to see their guilt - and bow to a sovereign God - my own exercises consist of hopes and fears, and a great degree of stupidity - my heart is harder than a stone or it would surely be melted at seeing the wonderful things that are done among us - O for the Holy Spirit to be shed abroad in this cold unfeeling heart - I hope to attend meeting this afternoon, and I entreat O Lord that thou wouldst banish all worldly care from my mind, and fill my whole soul, with the liveliest exercises of love hope trust gratitude and humble repentance, I pray thee grant the sealing of the Spirit whereby I may have comfortable assurance that my sins are pardoned - extend also, these favours, to my dear friends every where, and let this be to us a blessed sabbath indeed for Christs sake amen

Sept. 6 — Last sabbath and today I have been singularly favoured, provision has been made for my attending meeting all day — This day the Lord's supper was administered here — I did not expect to attend till this morning — and did not bear it on my mind — therefore I had not that preparation for the ordinance which I ought to have had — but O this wicked heart; can it be possible that a heart so treacherous as mine — has ever been renewed — search me O God and prove my heart try me and know my ways and see if there be any wicked way within me which I willfully indulge and lead me in the way everlasting — Mr Shepp preached to day — in the morning upon self-examination — this afternoon upon these words thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil — there are always discouragements in the way to heaven — but those who hope to arrive there — must determine to brave every danger — in the strength of the Lord O pardon the sins of this day I pray thee and accept of me and all mine for the sake of thy dear Son who alone is worthy to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be all glory forever amen —

Sept. 20th Sabbath day morn — Last sabbath Mr.
Ely preached here — last ~~Friday~~ wednesday Mr.
Millar — in the evening his text was in —
these words, Can the Ethiopian change his
skin &c — — Friday evening Mr Pithin preached
again, from these words No man can come to me except the &c
I have determined if I can, to keep an account
of the texts and sermons — I think when I
used to do it, it was a help to me — last
evening I read some of my papers which I wrote
before I was married — and O how different
did I then feel — was it all then a delu=
=sion, or is Satan permitted to have advantage
over me now, and vex my soul — but why
should I complain, for my sins, I am in
trouble, were it not for my wickedness
I should will always in the light of
God's countenance — let me then draw
more closely to God and to his dear Son — and
renounce all dependence on any thing
else — why should I not confide in him
why should be so uncertain he has prom=
=ised to be found of them that seek him
I have sought him — Lord God of Hosts —
Father Son and Holy Ghost, I have
dedicated myself to thee, long since &
I desire now to do it again and devote
all that I am and have to thy service —
that all my friends I pray thee grant
us a sabbath blessing this day and fit
us all to spend an eternity in thy presence
for Christ's sake Amen amen.

Sabbath evening Sept. 27th Last sabbath Mr Th-
preached from these words Jeremiah 3d how
can I put thee among the children? —
To day Mr Johns preached from these words
in the morning, what think ye of Christ.?
in the afternoon I attended meeting, his text
was in 2d Corinthians 5th 11th knowing the
terrors of the Lord we persuade men— —
my own exercises are dull and formal.— & I
have little that is satisfactory to record.
but the wonderful grace and mercy of
God is ever interesting, and ever will be
the theme of praise adoration and grati
tude, tho' I am ever so stupid, the bless
ed Redeemer, will not want for praise
and love, if my cold heart yields him
none— Mrs Reese and I have agreed to pray
together for the further out pouring of his
Spirit— I pray that we may attempt it
not in our own strength nor for our own
honour, but relying on the mercy of God
in Christ, may we be assisted and enable
to perform to thy acceptance O Lord and
our own edification— pardon I pray thee
all the sins of the day, accept of me in
thy dear Son and for his sake own me
my dear family and friends in the covenant
of thy love, and all the praise shall be
given to Father Son and Spirit now and ever

Oct ~~4~~th 18th Almost a ^sabbath evening^ month has passed since I have written a word here - sabbath before last Mr Sanderson preached here, I heard him in the afternoon and evening - the first his text was in Psalms 122d - 6th verse, pray for the peace of Jerusalem; & in the evening Turn ye turn ye, why will ye die - & - the same week on thurs, day our parents came; the next day Mr Parker preached; in the evening Mr Williston, saturday evening he spoke from Romans, 10 th verses of the 10th chapter - next day he preached again, in the afternoon from these words we love him because he first loved us - in the evening Mr Champion spoke upon this passage, when the unclean spirit is gone out &c - Mr Thompson spoke upon the parable of the husbandman who went out to hire labourers in to his vineyard Colonel Talmadge addressed the people as he was going to Congress - monday evening two or three women met here for the purpose of prayer - mother, Mrs. Reeve, and myself here formed - tuesday evening there was a meeting at Doctor Sheldons - wednesday morning our parents left us - and now let me once more call upon all my powers to bless the Lord who hath repeated the favour of seeing our dear parents again - ~~[illegible]~~ and granted us so much enjoyment in their company - fill my heart O Lord with love to thee, and may I henceforth devote my self wholly to thee Lord - wednesday evening the church met for prayer at Mr Dodges

Friday afternoon and evening Mr Waterman preached — sabbath day likewise, in the morning his text was in Hebrews 1st 14th are they not ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation — describing the character of saints — and their privileges and honours — in the afternoon — from these words, the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me &c — Isaiah 64th or 54th in the evening he preached again —
Oct — 20th Tuesday evening — Last evening Judge Reeve addressed Miss Pierce's school previous to their dispersion — this evening there has been a conference at Capt. Goodwin's — — All these religious meetings evidence that God is here of a truth — and he hath indeed made wonderful displays of himself — a week ago last sabbath 29 were propounded to join with this church — I pray that they may all be found to be built on the sure foundation which is Jesus Christ the chief corner stone — O my Father direct me and assist me in duty — let me not dishonor thee nor do any thing to be seen of men — may all my dear friends be blessed and all of us be prepared for death that we may be prepared for thy kingdom for Christ's sake amen —

Nov. 1st This day the sacrament of the Lord's supper has been administered here, and 26 I think admitted members of the church - I was not present it was indeed a trial to my feelings and I am afraid I indulged an unsubmissive temper - there was no one to take care of the children as Sally was one of the 26 - - this afternoon I attended meeting - the text was this who are these that fly as a cloud and as doves to their windows - I have had some hope to day, some disposition to dedicate myself to the Lord, and before night in secret prayer had freedom to plead with God in some small measure I hope as my father - I gave myself up and all my dearest interests and my dear children into thy hands that of our our saviour who died for sinners, O pardon my sins I pray thee, and bless all my dear friends and let us all experience thy grace here, and be prepared to dwell with thee in glory above for the sake of Jesus the prevailing intercessor -

Nov. 8th Sabbath evening - This afternoon I attended meeting, the text was in Hosea XI - 7th 8th and 9th verses on the goodness and mercy of God - this evening I went again - the text was in Luke "the queen of Sheba shall rise up in judgment &c. 2 verses -

Mr Ward of Danbury preached - an excellent
[illegible] - we had a conference here last evening
many of the young women of the most re-
spectable families are seriously impressed
by the astonishing grace of God - carry on
thy work O blessed Redeemer - the work
is all thine own - let it appear to be so
and let all praise and glory be thine -
I pray that thou wilt meet with us
tomorrow evening - let us not attempt any
thing in ~~their~~ our own strength may our
sufficiency be of thee - I desire to
commit my dear friends all into thine
hand - & let us all so live as finally to
dwell with thee forever - and to thy name
shall be all the glory -

Nov. 22d This afternoon I attended meeting - the text was in
the 5th chapter of Matthew - these words agree with thine
adversary &c - The religious attention here is as
great as it has been at any time; it is indeed
wonderful, to see what the Lord is doing in this place
the awakening influences of the Spirit appear in
almost all classes - and many are hopefully made
acquainted with the way of salvation, are brought
to adore and love that glorious Saviour; who has
been so long neglected by them -. O the matchless
grace and compassion of our exalted Redeemer -
and amidst all these wonders, how is my old
heart affected, or is it affected at all - is it not rather
stupid and cold and hard as a stone -? - the ques-
-tion is one which I have long had upon my mind,

and I have been hoping from day to day, to see something that is evidential of my having an inte=rest in the grace of the gospel - sometimes, I think I can resign all up, and place all my trust in Christ - at other times and I think most of the time of late, I fear, I am deceiving myself with an idea that I have experienced religion, without any suitable foundation - Great God I come to thee with my trouble - in thee alone is help to be found, grant me faith in Christ a humbling sense of sin - and sincere desires to honour and serve thee - and I pray that thy people may have gratitude this present week and present to thee an acceptable sacrifice in the name of thy Son - gracious Father still continue to display thyself the friend of sinners - and bring many more into thy family - and O most merciful God I be=seech thee, visit my dear absent friends with the influences of thy blessed Spirit & make them all savingly acquainted with thyself - O let not one be left finally to perish - I pray for my dear children Great God let not one of them be left to final ruin - but O Lord receive them all into the number of thy children and let us all at last glorify thee in thy kingdom above for the sake of our glo=rious redeemer amen -

Nov. 27th 1807 - Thanksgiving evening - Our merci=ful Father is again permitting us to come

before him now at the close of the year, to offer him praise and gratitude for the unspeakable favours of another year - and truly our mercies are exceedingly great - Mr W- preach to day from these words, and there was great joy in ~~that~~ city - - ~~December~~

December 7th This afternoon I was at meeting - the text was this, Give all diligence to make your calling and election sure &c - - when I look back upon my performance of the duties of this day my heart faints - what a guilty polluted wretch I am, how worldly in all my tho'ts and conduct - & it is a miracle of mercy that I have not long ago been sentenced to everlasting despair, this alone is sufficient proof that God's ways are not as our ways - and that he is long suffering - not willing ~~that~~ any should perish - - sinful as I am I pray for thine ~~[illegible]~~ holy Spirit ~~was~~ [illegible] to form me for thy service - ~~[illegible]~~ let all ~~[illegible]~~ my dear friends be born again and finally made happy in thy presence

December 20th Another sabbath has been added to our forfeited lives - my day of probation is still continued - and I have reason to admire and adore the patience of God exercised toward me - I have been at meeting all day - in the morning Mr. Gould read one of Burder's sermons - on this text

"him that cometh unto me I will in no
wise cast out" – this afternoon he preached
from this text, holiness without which no man
can see the Lord – O if my heart were not
insensible as a stone, I should be affected
with all that is passing before me – three
new instances of conversion as (we hope)
we have heard of today – verily nothing
is beyond Almighty power and grace to
perform – I come then with all my guilt
guilt and pray for pardon and acc=
eptance – Blessed Saviour hast thou not
said him that cometh unto me I will
in no wise cast out – turn me O Lord and
I shall be turned, draw me and I shall
run after thee, O constrain me by thine
irresistible grace to lay hold on salvation
may all our dear friends be interested
in the same and you all to live here
by thy grace as finally I stand as ete=
rnity in thy kingdom above, for Christ's
sake amen – Dec. 27th Mr Cleveland preached today
Sabbath evening – Romans 2d chapter last verse, Do we then make
void the law &c – this afternoon I attended meeting there
were 26 persons added to this church & one bap=
tized a very affecting scene; may the affects be last=
ing – ~~hav evidence~~ & may we all find evidence
of ~~their~~

Jany 1th Friday Lecture – Mr Tyler preached in the afternoon from 2d Psalm, rejoice with trembling; in the evening from the time is short –

Jany 3d Sabbath day, Mr Pitkin preached this forenoon from Corinthians – – whosoever eateth and drinketh unworthily &c a communion season – had little life – had some pleasing realizing views of the great sacrifice made for sinners – and endeavoured to make a renewed surrender of myself my children and my all into the hands of a covenant God – I think I have more sense of divine things than formerly – thanks be to God for this, I pray that I may not be suffered to ascribe any feeling that I have, to my own power, neither dwell upon what is my own situation, but longing for conformity to thee O Lord – and for discoveries of thy glorious character, may I become holy and more united to thyself – O I desire now to leave myself my children and all my dear friends with thee – to thee I would consecrate myself Father Son and Holy Spirit, three person in one incomprehensible Godhead, to be thine in time and thro' eternity for Christs sake amen ––

Jany 10th Mr P– did not attend meeting today on account of a very bad cold and hoarseness – I went all day Mr Waldo led in the exercises – in the morning the sermon was upon the Lords prayer, – this afternoon this evening attended conference Colonel Talmadge – led again – read a sermon upon these words come unto me all ye that are weary &c – Colonel Talmadge made a very feeling and pertinent address – – and now O my Father sinful and sinner as I am, I desire to cast myself and all my dearest friends upon thy mercy in Christ Jesus, praying that we may all finally be gathered to thy kingdom above Christ sake amen

Jary 17 th Mr Parker preached this afternoon ~~and wrote~~ from these words [illegible]

[illegible] D be saved this evening they that be whole &c — Mr H— preached this forenoon from these words it is I be not afraid — may the Lord bless his word and bless all my friends my family and myself for Christ sake amen

Jary 22d Wednesday evening Mr Collier preached from these words for a great door and effectual &c this afternoon Mr Crossman preached from these words O Jerusalem Jerusalem thou that killest &c — this evening from these why art thou cast down O my soul &c

Jary 24th This morning Mr Dale preached from Acts 17th 30th But now commandeth all men every where to repent — This afternoon Psalm [illegible] They shall prosper that love thee — Mr H has been unwell several weeks, is now unable to preach or visit thy people — but the Lord can carry on his work without him, I pray that this affliction may be sanctified to both minister & people, Lord that his health may soon be restored — I pray for all my friends that they may be made thine in a covenant never to be forgotten heavenly Father bless my children — & take these little ones into thine arms and bless them ever with spiritual blessings — pardon I pray thee the sins of this day and prepare us all for the duties of this week and assist us all to so serve thee here as to be admitted to thy presence at last to spend eternity in adoring and praising redeeming love amen —

Jany 31st Today Mr. Fisher preached, in the morning from Matthew 11th 25-26th I thank thee O Father Lord of heaven &c — on the Sovereignty of God. this afternoon the text was in — we are justified from all things from which we could not be justified by the law of Moses — this evening the text was in Proverbs 17th 17th — A friend loveth at all times and a brother is born for adversity — first considered this love as between men — shewed that it could be sure only on christian principles and then must cease at death but the love of Christ is continual and he will be near in adversity — Mr Fisher came with a pious man of his society, last week Tuesday — and has spent the time we since in visiting the people and preaching may God reward him abundantly in the satisfaction of his mind, and in seeing such a season of refreshing as we have enjoy — blessed be God that he is sending his faithful servants among us, surely it is an omen for good — let us praise his glorious name, and may we be enabled to improve this privilege to his glory & to our own eternal benefit — look O Lord in mercy on my dear friends and on my family O let us be numbered all of us among the called and chosen and faithful — serve thee by thy grace acceptably here and at last be permitted to join in ascriptions of thanksgiving and praise to him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb forever amen —

Friday evening Feby 5th Yesterday completed 29 years since I have had an existence in this world and O what an unprofitable servant have I been - since I endeavoured to engage in the Lord's service - I think I have made very little proficiency - when I look into my heart I see no cause but for discouragement, but when I recount the mercies and kindness of God, may I not hope that he will have mercy on my soul - what mercies have crown'd my life I am loaded with benefits & so is my family - one blessing this year of my life was which none ever did before - the grace of God sent down in convincing & converting sinners - O let me praise the Lord for his unspeak-able mercies - & now I desire to commit myself to thee this year, leave me not O Lord - leave not my little children, cut us not off in our sins - but spare our lives it may please thee - another year also - and let us honour and serve thee but especially be prepared for thy glorious kingdom - - Mr Henderson preached last wednesday evening - from these words - worthy is the Lamb - this afternoon Mr Woodbridge preached from these words fear not little flock - this evening again from these words - the heart of the sons of men is full of evil -

March 5th 1808 - Saturday evening - - thro the goodness of a kind and gracious God we have been spared till this time - and I all alive & comfortable - Mr H - has been unwell, has not preached for about two months - but purposes to tomorrow - he is much better - Edward is quite sick but hope will do well - a week ago yesterday we returned from Hadley where we had made a visit of nearly a week - were abundantly prospered and protected in our way and our children in our absence, & now another week testifies to the wonderful forbearance and mercy of God - his work still flourishes - O that it might be revived in this family O Lord how long shall I call upon thee and thou wilt not hear - O for thy names sake - bring these children to an acquaintance with thy self - and O let not one of this family perish - I fear I have no reason to hope I am accepted - but I beseech thee give me grace to still call upon thee - and never to give over seeking, I pray for all my dear friends & most of all our God. make them and us all partakers of thy grace and blessings which we live that we may all finally meet in thy presence with joy - may we be prepared for the morrow and receive a sabbath blessing

March 17th Thursday evening —
The sparing mercy and longsuffering of God
yet spares my life — an interruption — —

March 26th — Saturday evening — Once more would
I attempt to give thanks unto the Lord, for he is
good for his mercy endureth forever — week after
week is passing and bearing its account to the
great book of God's remembrance, and how necessa-
ry is it ~~that~~ I should call myself to an acc-
count for the improvement of my advan-
-tages — when I look into my own heart, there
is enough to discourage me — but when I re-
flect upon the many favors I receive from
my heavenly Father — I can sometimes hope
that he will not deny me, the blessings of
His grace, thro' the merits of his Son —
which I have so long so earnestly sought —
I know it would be just in thee O Lord,
to take from me every ray of hope —
but to whom shall I go but unto thee,
thou hast the words of eternal life — and
on thee do I continually wait — I pray thee
to bless thy own cause and build up Zion,
every where — O God of mercy come into this
family — I cannot let thee go unless thou
bless my children — thou hast inclined us
to love them, may it not be pleasing to thee to
hear the cries which are excited by this affection
and let me not only call upon thee but be
diligent in teaching them to serve thee Lord.
and let us all be prepared to dwell with thee

kingdom above for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ - bless all my dear friends and let us none be so unwise as ~~them~~ to chose the way which leads to distruction

April 15th Fast day - Mr Osgood preached today and this evening in the morning his text was this and if it seem evil to serve the Lord choose ye this day whom ye will serve - I stayed at home in the afternoon this was him that confesseth me before men, him will the son of man confess before the angels of God, and he that denieth me before men &c - the Holy Spirit is still operating upon the hearts of sinners in this place, blessed be God for his wonderful works to the children of men - little children are anxious, and some hope they have found mercy - Maria Collins a little girl about 8 years old is now under conviction - O that astonishing power and grace is displayed in our day - O let Christians all be excited to cry earnestly to God that his Spirit may be poured out more abundantly and that the cause of our divine Redeemer may be built up every where - O hear me when I pray for my children they will perish without thee, O come down ere they die bless all our dear friends I pray thee and make us all wise to salvation and be pleased to receive them in a world of glory above for Christs sake amen

April 17th Sabbath evening — This day has been very rainy the forepart and there has been but one meeting — but this afternoon Mr H. Mr Dodge, and I went down to see Hannah Goodwin who is very weak and sick — and to appearance near her last change — she is an eminent example of patience and humility under the very great trials — O that I might be taught by this example to rise above the trifling cares of this vain world — and I pray to be excited to devote more time to visiting the sick and afflicted — pardon I pray thee all the sins of this holy day — and bless it to the good of my soul and all who have attended to thy word whether publicly or privately — I pray once more for this flock of little children, O Lord I know thou only canst change the heart — I pray thee begin & carry on this work in all these children's heart which may end in saving conversion may all our friends be thine and not one of us all be left to dishonor thee and abuse thy mercies — but may we all so live here as to dwell with thee finally in thy glorious kingdom above for Christ's sake amen

April 24th, Today Mr Huntington preached from these words verily verily I say unto thee except a man be born of water and of the Spirit &c — in the

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the sermon was to shew what was not regeneration—
it is not baptism nor any outward ceremony or
form, nor any[illegible] it consists in any exercise of
mind or dreams or visions or any ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ of supernatural revelation— in the afternoon
was shewn in what regeneration consists— —

Monday evening— April 25th— 1808— It is now
just about a year since the Lord appeared
for me and made me the living mother of
my dear little Edward— thanks to his kind
care which has preserved him until now, and
spared all our lives and made us so comforta
ble— it is because his mercy is infinite— and
all for the sake of our great high Priest
O may we all be his humble followers— and
his zealous friends— —

June 19th 1808— Almost 2 months have passed
rapidly away since I sat down to this employ
ment— in which time we have made a visit
to both our parents— the Lord prospered us on
our way made the journey beneficial to Mr.
H—'s health, and returned us and our children
in safety— and has abundantly supplied our
wants— and now what shall we render to
the Lord for all his benefits— O that he would
enable me to take the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord—
truly O Lord thou art worthy of all the

services of thy rational creatures — and if I am not deceived I do desire to devote my self to thee; but knowing how deceitful the human heart is — I beg of thee O God to teach me my true character — and let me not indulge a false-groundless hope — I had a very agreeable time at my fathers house, hope I had some realizing sense of divine things — but still have to lament my hard heart — which remains so unmoved amidst all the advantages afforded me — the work of conviction still goes on and blessed be God that it does — when we returned, we feared, there was nearly an end of the work — but several new cases of awakening seem to have appeared, for which let us praise the Lord; — Most merciful God, I pray thee take care of me and all dear to me this night and refresh us all quietly by sleep — prepare us for the duties of the week and of life — and finally receive us all to thy glorious kingdom, only for the sake of the infinite saviour of sinners who alone is worthy —

July 10th This day and evening I have heard Doctor Milledoler of N-York preach three sermons — in the morning was from Phillippians 3rd & 8th Yea & I count all things but loss ~~that I may win~~ for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.

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Christ; — this afternoon from these words
Genesis 6th 3d My Spirit shall not always strive with
man — this evening from these words
Mat. 13-45 46 — the kingdom is like to a merchant man
seeking goodly pearls, who when he hath
found one pearl of great price goeth &
selleth all that he hath and buyeth
it. — — — I have this day had un-
common tenderness of feeling — upon se-
rious subjects — have shed many tears
and hoped I had a heart to call God
my father — — seemed to have some
comforting view of the great work of
salvation as performed by our adorable
surety — but dare not entertain any
confident opinion that I am one of his
redeemed ones, tho I cannot but hope
I am. — sincerely would I commit my
self and my all in to thine hands O
most merciful and Allmighty Savior
accept of me and my children, and
fit us all and all my dear friends to serve thee here, and
to praise thee forever in thy heavenly
kingdom for the great Redeemer's sake
amen —
July 17th Sabbath evening — At meeting all day again
Mr H— preached in the morning from these
words believe in the Lord Jesus Christ — this
afternoon from these words wherefore is there a
price in the hands of a fool seeing he

hath no heart to it - I have to lament this rebellious heart, in view of sickness and distress my courage fails, & I am weary; I shrink from it - O help me thou God of mercy O help me to bear what thou shalt see best to lay upon me - O I pray thee make me bear patiently, feeling that it is thy will command every anxious distrustful feeling into submission & cheerful obedience - forgive me all my sins I pray thee and fit me for thy service, may thy blessing ever attend my dear friends, and may we all be so blessed as to meet in thy presence never more to separate O Lord be pleased to bless then children, save them from sickness and every evil, above all wash their souls from sin and let us all finally be admitted to thy glorious kingdom for Christs sake amen -

July 24th 1808 - Mr Backus of Bethlem preached ~~today~~ in the morning from these words but I have a baptism to be baptised with and how am I straitened till it be accomplished. This afternoon upon devoting our substance to the service of God from the example of the pious women who went to embalm the body of our Divine Lord. pardon gracious God the numerous offences of this day, and grant me a disposition to be more watchful prayerful and circumspect

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patient under provocations forbearing meek & humble, diligent in business and attentive to all the leadings of Providence — guide me I pray thee this ~~week~~ — furnish to duty, prepare for all events — make me useful to my fellow creatures, and especially to my dear children, and visit all my friends with the same mercies which I ask for my self — and advance thy kingdom every where — for Jesus sake who is infinitely worthy amen —

July 31th — This afternoon I was allowed to attend meeting Mr H. preached upon the observance of the sabbath — may God accompany his truth with the influences of his Holy Spirit, not only here but every where — pardon my sins I pray thee and make me thankful for all mercies give me all needful grace and wisdom, to fit me for usefulness in life and glory in a better world — remember also my children great God in the covenant of thy love, & let them all made thy called and chosen and faithful, may — I may also friends all be thy friends, and each of them be interested in the divine favour so that while we live we may live to thy praise and when we die we may be forever thine for Christ's sake amen

August 14th Today and this evening I have been permitted to assemble with God's people to worship him — Mr Stuart of New-Haven preached all day, in the morning his text was in Romans 9th 21st — hath not the potter & — this afternoon in Micah 6th

3^d^ — wherein have I wearied thee testify against me — what a dry unfruitful tree am I amidst all the Divine cultivations, the Lord is long suffering and gracious or he would long since have said cut it down why cumbereth it the ground — O forgive I pray thee — protect us all this night prepare us for every duty and let us all finally be happy in thy presence for Christs sake amen

Sabbath evening — Sept — 4th — 1808

Blessed be God for the privileges of this day — a crucified Saviour hath been commemora=ted this day and new members admitted to thy Church, let me not fail to give thanks that I had some little feeling what an affecting sight to behold the old man whose locks have whitened in the service of sin, forsaking and renouncing the world, and publicly standing forth to avouch the Lord Jehovah to be his God — the middle aged, the youth and one not more ~~I think~~ than have we seen surnaming themselves by the name of Israel — O what a blessed work is this which God is doing in the midst of us — suffer us not O Lord to grieve away thy blessed Spirit but may all thy children with one voice unite in beseeching thee still to manifest the riches and glory of thy grace, & blessed be thy name we continue to hear good things of Zion the city of our God

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I desire now to thank thee for all the religious privileges which I enjoy — suffer me not I pray thee to misimprove them; — I thank thee for this day's opportunity, if I felt any thing agreeable to thy will great God make me thankful and assist me I beseech thee to live more devoted to thy service — I come to thee as a covenant keeping God; and desire to plead thy faithfulness and thy mercy thro' thy Son if I have an interest in the blessings of the Gospel, I must bring my children also — with thee alone is help O take these little ones into thine arms and carry them thro' life in safety to thy heavenly kingdom and may all near and dear to me be blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus; and all of us finally received to that rest which remains for the people of God thro' the mediation of our glorious Saviour amen — —

Sept 25th During the last three or four weeks I have been quite unwell, some of the time very sick, but God for wise purposes hath raised me up again and I hope it may be to serve him in the land of the living — today I have been permitted to attend his worship — in the morning heard Mr. [illegible] preach — from these words Malachi 3d —

Then they that feared the Lord spake often &c
a very good sermon, and he a promising young
man - this afternoon Mr Hooker preached from
these words or something like them - if a man
think himself to be something when he is nothing
he deceiveth himself - - - Our children are
beginning to have the whooping cough -, and
the eldest is almost overcome with it - - but
I desire to be thankful that I have an All=
=mighty friend to go to, who I hope is my
covenant God and Father - to thee O Lord I
bring the dear children and pray thee to deal
kindly with them support them thro' I beseech
thee, and spare them to be blessings in their
generation - mercifully visit them with thy
renewing and sanctifying grace - and assist
us to bring them up in thy fear and for thy
service - may all our friends belong to thy
family, and may we all so live by thy grace
as to be finally received to thyself to join in
ascribing the kingdom power and glory to him
that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb
forever and ever amen -
Oct. 30th I have been able to attend public worship
both parts of day, Mr H preached from these words
Mark 10th 21st One thing thou lackest -
How apt are we to imagine there is some merit
in some of our poor services - Lord shew me my
guilt and unworthiness and let me trust

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alone in the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ — blessed be the Lord for his goodness to this family, the children are all comfortable and we are loaded with the goodness of God Lord I beseech thee make a lasting impression on my heart of all thy goodness and let it not harden us in our stupidity & folly — how vile, O how unbecomingly do I conduct amidst such interposition of divine goodness — help me I pray thee to repent and be more faithful and humble in future prosper us, and bless us this week, let our dear friends ever be under thy watchful care and may we all be so unspeakably happy thro' thy infinite mercy as to be at last admitted to thy glorious kingdom for the Redeemer's sake amen —

Decbr. 18th. It is long since I attended to this employment, which I trust is profitable, and therefore ought to be performed with greater punctuality — but circumstances have rendered it inconvenient our family is now in a more settled state, & I hope for more time to attend on these duties which may by the Divine blessing be conducive to my growth in holiness and comfort — I have been once and again permitted this day to unite with the people of God in his temple O Lord forgive all my ingratitude

and oldness - and cleanse me in the blood of thy dear Son - shew me more of my vile character and transform me by the renewing influences of the holy Spirit - the morning sermon was upon these words without God in the world - this afternoon upon these I think fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God - I would thank thee O Lord for the favours of this day, for opportunity of calling on thy name in secret O Lord continue thy favours but above all increase my desires to serve thee, and make me more faithful to my children and all about me and in all duty - I beseech thee bless us all this week, regard my dear friends with kindness - prepare us all for life for death and a blessed eternity for the great Redeemer's sake amen -

Jany. 1st 1809 - This day I have again been permitted to unite with God's people in celebrating the Lord's supper. & I hope I had some sense of the goodness of God - and endeavoured to dedicate myself and my children afresh to him who hath a supreme right to me & mine the text this morning was from these words there is now therefore no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus &c - this afternoon these words were the text - is it nothing to you all ye that pass by - probably Mr. Livingston will

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not preach here more than one or two sabbaths more
the day is fixed which is next week tuesday
for calling a council to dismiss him from
the people because he cannot be support
:ed — and when the Lord will send us, is
known only to him — I pray that he
will not leave us nor suffer us to go from
hence without his presence — — I would
endeavour to recollect the mercies of god
the year past, but in vain, they are
more than I can recount, unbounded &
unceasing — — for this year great source
of goodness, I would seek thy blessing —
I pray thee spare our lives and make us
blessings and blessed of the Lord — but O Lord if
we are this year to enter the eternal
world — I beseech thee grant thy presence
and a safe passage into thy kingdom.
give me I pray thee leisure to attend
to the morning and evening sacrifice
and make me less worldly, and more heav
make all my dear friends thine and
bring us finally to sit down in thy
kingdom for Christ's sake amen —

Jany. 8th 1809 — Sabbath evening — Mr Burnap pre
ed this morning from Luke 22. 22 — upon these
word, the Son of man goeth as it is written &c
... afternoon Colossians 1st 27th — I was at meet

ing all day — I am very much favoured of
late in being able to attend meeting, but
I am shamefully negligent, and make not
that improvement of these privileges
which I ought —, it is surprising that
I am not long since perished as I de-
=serve, O may the day of God's patience
be the day of my turning to him; I pray
that my dear children's salvation may
dwell more on my mind and that I
may be more faithful to their souls
in future — own them as thine I
beseech thee — and make us more faithful
to one another — and to all around us —
bless all near and dear to us and may
we all be so happy by thy grace as to
meet in thy kingdom never more to
be separated and never to offend thee
~~[illegible]~~ direct all the events of this
week for thy glory and our eternal good
make us all faithful unto death O
may we then receive a crown of life, for Christ's
sake Amen — Hadley Sabbath evening — Last Friday
Febry-12th 1809 we arrived here the whole family — and thro' the
goodness of God find ourselves safe under my father's
roof — where we expect to stay till [illegible]
find a place to settle — Providence I trust will
direct and order all things for the best —
Mr H— preached from John 9th — One thing

I know that whereas I was blind now I
see — whether I have ever passed this great
change, I am at times uncertain, but I
think I can say, I desire to be conform-
ed to the will of God, and I can some-
times ~~say~~ see a beauty and glory in
the Divine character, which once I
did not see — O for a lively faith a
more deep repentance and ardent
zeal for the glory of God — I beseech
thee gracious God, as the instruction
of the children will now devolve
on me that thou wouldest grant more
grace according to my day, and direct
& assist me in every duty —
I would commit them to thy care
and the blessing of thy grace — sanctify
them and making them all of
thine family, —

Feb 19th — Last Thursday was set apart by our
General Court for a day of humiliation and
prayer on account of the critical state of our
public affairs — it was observed here, and
I took occasion to remember the children
more particularly as it was the time of my
yearly fast — but O what stupidity — gra-
cious God remove this deadness and animate me
in thy service — Today Dr Lyman preac

ed here - in the morning he had these words for his text - work out your own salvation &c - Phillip - this afternoon, the text was in Micah 2d 7th O thou that art named the house of Israel Is the Spirit of the Lord straiten-ed? - Doctor Hopkins is very low apparent-ly near his end - may God shine into his soul and comfort him in his last hours - our children have been complain-ing since we came, but I hope the worst is over - God has been very merciful in preserving our number unbroken - O for grace to train them up for his service - wilt thou O Lord take them into thy family and never suffer them to go astray, but keep them and keep us all thro' faith unto salvation - - make us faithful in thy service - and at last all happy in thy kingdom for Christ's sake amen - -

March 5th This morning the text was in - who first commanded the light to shine out of darkness &c - on divine illumination - this af-ternoon in Revelation 1st 7th Behold he cometh with clouds &c - on the general judgment - O my soul what infinitely important consequences depend on thy conduct here - how does it become me to examine myself to know whether I am in the faith -

I have at times been comfortable assured that of an interest in Christ, but this may be all a delusion — search me O God and shew me the real state of my heart — thy goodness O Lord is unbounded — to our family when we have been sick thou hast heal-ed us — and we are all still in the land of the living — O for a heart suitably to prize thy mercies and thank thee for them — once more O Lord God help me to bring these children unto thee — remove them I beseech thee into thine arms and secure them by thy grace from all the temptation to which they may be exposed — make each of them a new heart and lead them in the way ever-lasting — & O merciful enable us to be faith-ful to their precious souls — remember mercy for all our dear friends, and let us all at last be found among that happy number, who shall receive the welcome sentence come ye blessed of my father — inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world — and then it will be our eternal joy to ascribe the kingdom power & glory to Father Son and Holy Ghost amen

March 12th Another Lord's day, and another opportunity of uniting with his children in social worship has been afforded me, but how indifferent am I how cold & stupid — Mr H preach'd from Job 20th 7th in the morning they that have seen him shall say where is he — this afternoon, from Samuel — "and David behaved himself wisely in all his ways and the Lord was with him," a sermon to young people. may it be bless'd to their good — & help me I beseech thee O Lord, to mourn over my sins and to seek from thee by earnest prayer those blessings for myself and my children without which we must all perish — O divine Saviour take these lambs into thine arms, wash them in thy blood, and may thy Spirit ever dwell in their hearts, and engage them early to become thy followers, and guide them thro' life thy kingdom in safety assist me I pray thee in all my duty to them and others and may we all be so happy as finally to meet in thy glorious presence above for the sake of him who died for sinners. amen —

March 19th Mr Fleann preach'd in the morning from these words Jonah 2-9th salvation is of the Lord — in the afternoon upon the same subject I have always to lament my coldness and deadness — O when shall I ever be engaged &

alive in the service of this glorious Master — I was enabled to attend pretty closely, but still my heart was unmov[ed] descend O holy Spirit into this frozen heart and make it a dwelling fit for thyself — purify me from all my sins and enable me to be more active zeal=ous and useful — soon a distressing dangerous period will arrive — O Lord carry me in safety thro' if it may be thy will, and let me live to train up my children for thee — but especially I entreat that thou wilt prepare me to leave the world, if thou hast thus determined, O forsake me not, and let me not depart till by faith I have seen the Lord Jesus Christ — Great Father of all thy fami[ly] I beseech thee have mercy on my chil=dren, take them into thine arms I beseech thee & thou Saviour of sinners & Holy Spirit come and and dwell in their hearts, to sanctify guide and bless them, and may all dear to me have the unspeakable joy of at last belonging to that happy number who have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Son of God — amen

April 2d - The sacrament of the Lords supper has
this day been administered here, by Doctor Parsons
as Doctor Hopkins is apparently near his end -
the text in the forenoon was in 1st John, 5th
26th - O what a stupid wretched heart is this
when all the glories of the Saviour, and the
wonders of redeeming love are set forth,
still I am cold and dull - O wash away
my sins I entreat thee in the blood of the
redeemer, and let not my sins prove my
ruin - help me O Lord to bring by faith my
children unto thee - where else shall I go
with them, thou only hast the words of
eternal life - graciously dwell in their
hearts - and prepare them to serve thee in
this life faithfully - so that at last
we may all meet in thy presence never
more to know a separation - forgive all
my sins help me in all duty - and
make all things work together for our good
for Jesus sake amen -
April 16th I have again been permitted to ~~[illegible]~~
meet the people of God in his house of prayer
Mr Smith preached in the morning from these
words, Ephesians 2d - 8th by grace are ye saved &c -
this afternoon from Ezekiel 18th - for why will
ye die O house of Israel - may a blessing attend
the word - and may I and my dear friends all
find ourselves as sabbath days journey nearer to
heaven - O [illegible] my dear children own them
in thy covenant - prepare us for every event &
at last for thy heavenly kingdom for Christ's sake
amen -